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THE AUTHOR'S PREFACE

No system of tithing has ever been popular among the masses. And the cause for the unpopularity of tithing or giving to the Lord what really belongs to Him, (a consecrated heart and life, and one-tenth of all the income) is the lack of being properly trained. The Bible, and religious text-books, should have their proper places in the homes, in the curricula of schools, colleges and universities for the training of all the faculties of the "living soul," side by side with the sciences, languages and other studies laid down for training the intellect. And this system of education should be hereditary, and continued through life, for one writer has said: "The whole universe is a school, and from the cradle to the grave we are scholars." This would give us a symmetrical or evenly balanced system of education—drawing out all the powers of man, giving equally as much attention and culture to the spiritual as to the intellectual. When this system of education shall have been established, it will be an easy matter to train men to love the Lord with all their heart, soul and strength, and their neighbors as themselves. No one thus trained could ever be induced to dishonor the Lord Jesus Christ, before all nations assembled in a World Conference, by failing to invoke the blessings of peace from God the Father, through Jesus Christ our

Lord. "Tithing" and the "Golden Rule" will be no longer looked upon as mountains too high to ascend, or difficulties too great to be overcome; but will be observed with as much grace and dignity as any other command of our Lord and Master.

The Author has dedicated this little book to the cause of Christian development; and it is his earnest prayer that its aim and motive shall be pleasing to all whom it may reach, and that as it goes forth in the world, its spirit shall touch the hearts of the people, that as they read, they may be trained to reflect and reason; and that in this way characters may be moulded to hasten the establishment of the system of education I have endeavored to outline.

The Author desires to acknowledge with thanks all encouragement that has come to him, either in words or deeds, during the nearly two years he has battled against poverty and other obstacles to prepare these meditations for the cause of righteousness; these thoughts have come to him through much prayer and hard study. Notably among those giving encouragement are: "A merchant at Sand Springs, Tulsa County, Oklahoma, from whose leaflet he has quoted several statements; Mr. Green, a very successful young merchant in Morehead City, N. C.; and Mr. Johnson, an electrician, and superintendent of a Sunday School in Beaufort, N. C.; Bishop W. L. Lee, D.D., of Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Bishop G. L. Blackwell, D.D.,

LL.D., of Philadelphia, Pa., both of whom pronounced the work the best on the subject they had seen, and promised that it would get their support when published. Bishop Blackwell spoke of it before the Board of Bishops of which he is a member, and wrote the author two very encouraging letters; a splendid letter from Mr. W. S. Richardson, on behalf of Mr. John D. Rockefeller, of 26 Broadway, N. Y.; and a beautiful Christian letter from Mr. John Wanamaker with his own autograph signature; two kind letters from Mr. Carl S. Vanwinkle, Secy., Interchurch World Movement of North America, New York City, giving the Author the privilege of using the tables and charts in their books, providing **full credit** is given to them; the Rev. I. H. Russell, D.D., Synodical Evangelist in the great Presbyterian Church, took the **pains** and **time** to read or hear read the whole manuscript that was almost completed. He told the author that he had read several books and pamphlets on the subject, but said he, "this is the **best** I have seen yet. That book is just what the Church needs. If it were published I could sell thousands of volumes on my District."

Although the Author has not received any financial strength up to the present, with the exception that Mr. Whitfield advanced funds to pay the typist and place the books in the hands of the critic, these encouragements have been very helpful indeed.

On the 20th of December, 1888, the author was married to Miss Anne E. Palmer, of Concord, N. C., and unto them have been born 14 children, 9 of whom still live. Forty-eight of his best years have been given to the public. Before entering the ministry he served 12 years as public school teacher, and the remainder as an itinerant preacher of the gospel. His life has been an open book, and if he lives to see the 16th of May, 1923, he will have reached his seventy-first milestone.

"Home and Church Tithing" is the crowning work of his life, which he now sends forth.

The Author.

A LETTER OF THANKS.

To the various churches and friends who contributed funds, kindness and entertainment while we were in search for liberal hearts to lend, in the name of the Lord, the money to publish the first edition of the "Home and Church Tithing," the author desires to express grateful thanks.

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Last, but by no means least, is the service rendered by the critics. The author selected as critic an intimate friend, a man of superior scholarly attainments, Edward Moore, A.M., Ph.D., M.D., Professor of Greek and Latin for more than forty years. Dr. Moore was authorized to call to his assistance any scholar he could secure. After reading the manuscript he placed it in the hands of an able scholar, J. S. Nathaniel Tross, B.D., Ph.D., Professor of philosophy. Professor Tross is a fine student, keen, critical and exact. Dr. Moore told the author that Dr. Tross, to his mind, is the best prepared man for critical work of this kind that he knows or can secure. Professor Tross is also the editor and compiler. He has spared no pains in giving this work his best service.

The services of these great men bring the author under lasting obligations to them.

THE AUTHOR.

Kinston, N. C.

INTRODUCTION.

By E. Moore, A. M., Ph. D., M. D.

From my busy routine of work in the school room and among the people in the community. I am sorry that I can only snatch a few minutes to write a short introduction to "Home and Church Tithing" by the Rev. James T. Gaskill.

The author is a life-long friend of mine and one of the best men whom I have ever had the pleasure of knowing.

The book is the legitimate product of a life of high and holy living. In his three years of retirement from the active duties of the pulpit, in the silence of cloister and closet he caught a vision and received a message which may change the current of thought along this line in Church and Society.

In this book the author discusses a scriptural subject of vast importance, but one which in this age of graft and greed is being greatly neglected. It has been so long overlooked by men in pulpit and pew that it is encouraging and inspiring to hear this Godly man of richly endowed and cultured mind come

forward with not a rehash of an antiquated argument, but with one of surprising originality and freshness.

He exhibits not only a thorough familiarity with the facts and doctrines of the divine writings, but a remarkable insight into their true import, which seems to have been born of his reliance on God for the presence of the Holy Spirit to shed light on his truth.

The many sensible and practical illustrations with which the author has interspersed his book will have a strong attraction for all interested in the progress of a cause which promises such genuine good.

In this book the author stands out as a man of God, deeply yearning and arduously laboring for the triumph of light over darkness and truth over error. We earnestly pray that on its mission in the home, the school and the church this little book may create broader and more liberal views, deepen religious convictions, and help in the production of grander and nobler specimens of Christian manhood and womanhood.

E. MOORE.

Salisbury, N. C.

CHAPTER I. TITHING METHOD

God's loving plan for entering co-partnership with men, so as to give them prosperity in all manner of righteous business enterprises, is to have His Treasury in the home as well as in the Church, and we ourselves to be His honest, obedient, consecrated Stewards and Stewardesses. As such, He would have us tithe all our income, wages, increase or profit to the Lord God, whether of our herd or flock, seed of the ground or fruit of the trees—that is, we are to give Him one-tenth interest in all of our affairs, or ten cents out of every dollar's worth of material blessing He bestows upon us.

And we must see to it that this is done, either daily, weekly, monthly, or yearly, as the case

may be. Whenever the income, wages, increase or profit gets into our possession, we must separate the Lord's part from ours, and place His one tenth into the "Home Treasury of the Lord," where it must remain as a fund out of which we are to get money for the various demands of the particular Church to which we may belong. This includes the local Church, General Church, Home and Foreign Missions, Poor, Sick, Education, in fact, any and all benevolences that may appeal to us.

And whenever the pastor and his officials stand in need of funds to maintain any part of the Master's kingdom, he must issue a call for his members and friends to bring all the tithes from the Lord's "Home Treasury," into His church treasury, and the church clerk or secretary shall give each person credit for the amount brought in.

The rally is over, and no one has begged a penny. God has been glorified, and represented not as a pauper god, but as a rich, independent, great and mighty God, whose people love and adore Him; in obedience to His commands, they willingly bring their tithes and offerings and lay them down at His feet.

The people return to their homes rejoicing, and the blessed work of tithing goes on as before, according as the Lord prospers them in their different vocations. If we thus honor the Lord with our substance and the first fruits of our increase, "our barns shall be filled with

plenty, and our presses shall burst out with new wine." Prov. 3:9-10.

When "The Home and Church Tithing System" shall have been thoroughly established, we can then say to our good missionary women, and young girls, "Come off the field, as beggars for money; prepare yourselves, and go on the field, as winners of souls."

We'll enable the hard worked pastors to cease holding weekly rally meetings, preaching every night for some club to get a few dollars; the Bishops and high authorities in all denominations can then say to the pastors, officials and laymen—study your Bible, and the Lord's plan culled out of it, and plainly arranged in "The Home and Church Tithing System;" keep the people informed and educated to know their duty to God, and to humanity.

The Tither says: "Prove God and His promises to bless you financially. Trust Him and tithe, and your financial worries will cease. God is faithful and true and loves you."

Read His commands and promises in the Holy Bible, Malachi 3:10-12. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts; if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

"And I will rebuke the devourer for your sake, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your

ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of Hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed; for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord God of Hosts."

In the above statement, we have an emphatic challenge from God to prove and test Him, upon His promise, that He will open the windows of heaven, and pour out such a wonderful blessing upon us, that we shall not have room enough to receive it. We say that we love Him; let us take up the challenge. It only requires a consecrated heart and life and one tenth of our income, let that be little or much. If we are honest and keep our part of the covenant, God on His part guarantees to us marvellous success. It pays to be just and righteous; let us "render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's and unto God the things which be God's."—Luke 20:25.

CHAPTER II.

LET US TRUST AND PROVE THE LORD.

God asks us to prove Him, let us do so. Do you ask how this can be done? Let us see: Are you a banker, merchant, railroad man, manufacturer, retired millionaire, or business man? Are you a lawyer, doctor, preacher of the gospel, school teacher, soldier, sailor, landlord or tenant on any line of the various branches of agriculture or real estate? Are

you a male or female wage earner connected with any of the great industrial plants, or are you an humble toiler, unknown outside of your own community, whose circumstances are as peculiarly embarrassing as the poor widow of Zarephath whom the Lord commanded to sustain the prophet Elijah, when she had only a handful of meal in the barrel, and a little oil in a cruse? 1 Kings 17:12. Whoever you are, whatever may be your circumstances, whether you are rich or poor, living in the city, or in the country, in a mansion or in a hovel, the God of heaven loves you, and desires to help you; "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life."

In His great anxiety to help us, He found that our heart lay close to our treasure, and said: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Matt. 6:21. So intent on helping us in every possible way, He made a law, which permits Him to enter our business life, and give us unbounded success. If we are willing, He will become our **silent** partner in any and all of our wholesome, honest and upright business affairs that will honor God, edify men and help make the world a better place to live in.

Do you still ask: How can we prove God? Give Him a place in our hearts and lives, establish His treasury in our homes, make a vow,

as Jacob did, saying: "If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, so that I may come again to my father's house in peace: then shall the Lord be my God: And this stone which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: And of all that thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth unto thee." And then let us keep that vow faithfully like Jacob did; and as surely as he became a rich man in twenty years, and returned to his father's house in peace, so surely, if we are now living in poverty, will we find ourselves on the road to prosperity in a very much shorter time.

The fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man embody honesty and righteousness.

And when men depart from honesty and righteousness, they are soon ready to deny the fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man.

Love is the bond that binds men to honesty and righteousness, and enables them to recognize God their Father and all men as their brethren.

Man is a free moral agent. God is love, and love is the bond that links man to God, and none can sever this bond, but man, who of his own volition has been inclined to go away from God. Hence the Lord says through the prophet Malachi, 3:7-10, "Even from the days of your fathers, ye are gone away from mine ordinances and have not kept them. Return unto me and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts."

“But ye said, Wherein shall we return?

“Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me even this whole nation.”

It is shown here that God not only holds His people accountable for not giving Him what belongs to Him, but the whole nation is held equally accountable for the same sin of robbery. He tells them that they are “cursed with a curse.”

Now listen to Him, extending the blessed invitation of repentance to all sinners, and especially those who have robbed Him, all who have failed to give to His cause one tenth of their income: “Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.”

If you are poor and living in want, bring all the tithes in, that is, ten cents out of every dollar the Lord giveth, or enables you to get, and deposit in the Lord's Home Treasury until the Church calls for all the tithes to be brought into the Lord's storehouse; then obey the call, and the Lord will bless you with plenty and wonderful prosperity.

If you are rich, and have fears, and troubles on account of your wealth; let the Lord come

into your heart and life, and give Him one-tenth interest in all of your affairs, then establish His Treasury in your home, subject to some religious denomination whose worship it is most convenient for you to attend; and place one-tenth of all your income in this Home Treasury of the Lord, and when the pastor and his officials call for the members and friends to bring all the tithes into the Lord's storehouse, obey the call, and bring all the tithes from the Lord's Treasury in your home to His Treasury in the Church of which you are a member, (if not of the Church, of the Congregation), where the Secretary or the Church Clerk, must give you credit (in the book kept for that **special purpose**) for the amount brought in. Returning to your home, **continue** "The Home and Church Tithing System," the **remainder of your life**—do not depart from it under any circumstances. **It will be your protection.** Let it be a **fixity in your life and home government**, and the Lord will pour such blessings upon you, if you are poor, as will lift you up in the estimation of the community in which you live, and give you wonderful prosperity. If you are wealthy, He will protect your riches, and cause your fears to cease, and for your troubled mind He will give you peace, with the assurance that your wealth will not take wings and fly away as long as you **faithfully and conscientiously** give your **heart, life, and one tenth of your income** unto the Lord.

CHAPTER III.

ANOTHER TITHING WITNESS.

Of the cloud of witnesses who are willing to testify that the Lord is good, and interested in every phase of man's welfare we have selected only a few of the leading characters.

We are told that Huyler, the great "Candy King," is a strong witness for the Lord, that if we are willing to be truly honest, and give Him the one tenth which actually belongs to Him, He will become our business partner, and bless us in all our legitimate and righteous business affairs, far beyond our most sanguine expectation.

Young Huyler was a very poor boy, but early learned to love the Lord. He believed that God's word is true, and that since He is the Creator of all things, if He demands one tenth of the products of the world, those who have the **use** of the **world**, ought to yield to his demand. Hence, he agreed to give the Lord one-tenth interest in his business, and it is said that he has become the richest candy manufacturer in the world.

The Lord has given him favor in the eyes of many of the great railroad men of this country, so much so, that they sell his candy up and down their lines of travel. Hence, they have become his free agents to advertise his goods throughout the civilized world.

The eleventh verse of the third chapter of

Malachi clearly promises material and spiritual blessings from God, as a reward to those who tithe and trust Him. And the tithers have been all these years, and are still receiving these promised blessings, because they have taken the source of them into partnership, and have been strictly honest, giving Him His part, the one tenth of the income.

Do you ask if these promised blessings really include us? They certainly do, if we give our hearts to God, consecrate our lives, tithe regularly, and honestly give the Lord all the tenth which belongs to Him. It matters not how poor or how rich you are, whether a farmer, fruit-grower, laborer, mechanic, clerk, professional man or woman, merchant, lawyer, doctor, manufacturer, employer or employee in any station in life, in the city or country, you are included if you accept His offer, and take Him into your business. He only asks a one tenth interest in it for your sake.

God's commands and promises are an open challenge to every man, woman and child in the world. I. Corinthians 16:2.

"Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store, as God has prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come."

Bible students know that there was a custom and law among the Israelites to give the Lord one-tenth of all their income.

In Deuteronomy 8:18, we are told, "But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God, for it is He

that giveth thee power to get wealth." You may ask: How can the Lord inspire one to get wealth or enable one to become prosperous?

We answer: Through the spirit of inspiration He gives understanding—Job 32:8, "But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding."

So it is to our advantage to have the Lord with us in our business; He will be our counselor and advisor, and if we will allow Him, He will be our General Manager, and then the business is sure to prosper. Certainly He will not allow a business to fail or go down of which He has full charge, unless by the failure of the business, man to be edified and God glorified.

Truly God is the rightful owner of everything. He tells us in the book of Haggai 2:8: "The silver is mine and the gold is mine." And yet, He allows us the use of all His property; the whole world is given over into our hands, with all of its varied and multiplied **interests**, **reserving** to **Himself** the right of one tenth interest in **all** of **our** righteous business enterprises. He also promises that if we are honest, and give Him all that belongs to Him, that He will **insure success**, the windows of heaven will be opened and blessings poured upon us out of the kingdom.

If we honor Him by leaning on His promises, accepting His proposition, and give Him one tenth interest in all of our business affairs, He

will honor us with blessings of plenty and great prosperity.

Is it not reasonable to believe that God who created things, fixed the scheme of redemption and laid the plan of salvation, through the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, will bless and prosper us in our financial affairs, as well as in our spiritual? If we accept Him as a member of our firm, by giving Him one tenth interest in all of our affairs, we have the right to look for and expect His blessings upon us, for by accepting His proposition we bring ourselves within the bounds of His promises.

We have never heard nor read of a man, woman or child failing who honestly tithed. They cannot fail who keep His commandments and tithe, for tithing and consecration (of life) make up God's **unimpeachable** rule for man's financial and spiritual success in this world. But the **Covenant** and the **tithing** must be conscientiously kept.

God gives a day of rest, one day out of seven, for our good, that we may accomplish more, and do our work easier during the remaining six days of the week. So God demands of us one dollar out of ten, for our good, that this dollar or the tenth of our income, go for the extension of His kingdom in the world, that we may through the blessings of God, get greater returns from the nine dollars, or the nine tenths of our income, than we could possibly have

reaped from the ten dollars or the whole of our income, had we not given the Lord His part.

CHAPTER IV.

MR. WANAMAKER AS A WITNESS.

As an humble, honest, consecrated tither, Mr. John Wanamaker was a beacon light and a striking example for the Church of God to follow in giving the Lord what really belongs to Him: (1) He possessed a consecrated heart and life, and (2) He gave one tenth of all his income to the Church, that the world might be inspired to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness which is the preparation for being the recipient of all the necessary things of life.

The way leading through this open door into the Lord's treasure house, consists of the new birth, obedience, tithing, and a living trust in God.

It is said of this great man that he too, started out in life a poor boy, with no capital, save the stalwart character moulded in a Christian home, the training at the family altar, in the Sunday School and Church where he learned to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

While a little boy, with his basket on his arm selling peanuts and candy, he would mutter, "Lord prosper me in my business, and I will give you one tenth of my income."

Taking the Lord as partner, giving Him one

tenth interest in the business, looking to and depending on Him as business manager, his merchant ship safely and successfully glided over the billowy and tempestuous sea of commerce into the haven of great and phenomenal prosperity, while untold numbers who have robbed the Lord of His tenth, and trusted in themselves, in their own ability to guide their business craft, have been swamped and buried beneath the angry waves in their struggle to cross the mighty ocean of commerce.

Read Mr. Wanamaker's letter to the author of this volume, and see if you can discover the secret of his great success.

“Private Office

JOHN WANAMAKER

Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 24th, 1921.

Reverend James T. Gaskill,

Kinston, N. C.

Reverend and dear Sir:

Your letter of the 16th was received last evening, and I thank you very much.

No human being can tell but a mite of the goodness of the Heavenly Father in opening up the life of His children and strengthening them, teaching them His will. There is no book like the Book of books, and there is no other power in the world that is not secondary to the power of the Holy Ghost, who is God's gift to us who are only trying to serve Him.

Very truly yours,

John Wanamaker.”

By bringing all the tithes into the storehouse, the Lord opened up the windows of heaven and poured out blessings upon him, until he was compelled to build and rebuild several times that he might have room enough to receive them. And his fame went out that he was the richest merchant prince in the world.

He never divorced himself from the Church of God, nor religious work in general, for his light ever shone out before men, who saw his good works, and were constrained to glorify their Father in heaven.

Through the years in the midst of great business transactions, he found time to study his Bible, and prepare himself for the work of leading men. And for many years, it is said, that he was superintendent of the largest Sunday School in the world.

The lives of these great men (and no man is truly great, unless he is **really** striving to be good) ought to be taught, held up and eulogized before the youth of the land, in the homes, and in the schools, both religious and secular, that the young people might be inspired to emulate the examples of the wise and good.

Mr. Wanamaker never forgot his God, for He was his business partner, upon whom he depended for wisdom, knowledge and understanding to guide and conduct all his business affairs in every step he took. And the Lord kept him here in the business world under the open windows of heaven, where the blessings of a good

name, health, happiness, wonderful prosperity and a long life of usefulness were continually poured upon him, while he willingly gave the Lord what really and truly belonged to Him; a consecrated life, and one tenth of all his income.

CHAPTER V.

ANOTHER TITHING TESTIMONY.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller was said to be the richest individual man in the world. It is also stated that he started out in life a very poor boy, and had to fight a terrific battle against poverty. His educational advantages were very meager; but he was reared in a Christian home, and the training he received there, supplemented by that which he received in the Sunday School and Church, pointed out to him the road which has led him to such phenomenal success, as to astound the world of mankind. It was through the training of the home and the Church that he learned "one tenth" of the products of the world belongs to God, for the civilizing, educating, evangelizing and christianizing of the world for man's happiness and His glory. And that God has been and still is holding out a proposition to men, that if they will bring all the tithes into the storehouse, He will open the windows of heaven, and pour them out a blessing, so wonderful, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

It is said that in his battles against poverty,

his first venture was in the merchandise business, and he lost out. He was induced, however, to take the Lord into partnership, giving Him one-tenth interest in all his business affairs, hence he adopted the "Home Tithing System," which has obtained throughout his life to this very day. And the Lord blessed him with wisdom and understanding, caused him to discover and get in possession of a product that would be in great demand throughout the whole world. He is a faithful tither, and the Lord has so wonderfully blessed him, it seems, that the windows of heaven have remained open, and the blessings of a long life and great riches have been pouring in upon him all these years. Solomon says: "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and He addeth no sorrow with it."—Prov. 10:22.

There was a period in the history of this good man's career, when the public was inclined to look upon his life as **questionable**—even his money was said to be **tainted** or **blood-money**. This was doubtless an error, through ignorance, not knowing the **secret source** of this man's great wealth.

The author of this volume regards Mr. Rockefeller's money as being holy and consecrated.

In his heart, he made a covenant to give the Lord "one tenth" of all his income, and scrupulously kept that covenant, as the following letter will show:

26 Broadway, New York, Aug. 19, 1921.

Dear Rev. Gaskill:

On behalf of Mr. John D. Rockefeller, I am replying to your communication of Aug. 15th.

While Mr. Rockefeller and his son have both followed a plan of giving liberally of their income, and believe in the tithing principle, we do not find that they have kept exactly to their idea, but have more often given **considerably more** than the tithe.

Very truly yours,

W. S. Richardson.

Rev. James T. Gaskill,
Kinston, N. C.

He proved the Lord, by bringing all the tithes into the storehouse, and the Lord fulfilled His promise by opening the windows of heaven, and pouring out such a blessing upon him, that there was not room enough to receive it, hence the Lord started him out buying and building to make room for these blessings, and has kept him busy making room ever since. He is one of the many who have found out that it is more blessed to give than to receive, hence he did not stop with giving the tenth, for the above quoted letter from the secretary or manager of his benevolent department says: "While he and his son believe in the tithing principle, they had not kept exactly to their idea, but more often had given considerably more than the tithe."

According to a recent statement in one of the

December issues of the Christian Herald in 1920, this good man had already up to that date, paid out of the Lord's "Home Treasury," for the spread of his Master's kingdom, the staggering sum of \$475,000,000.

Those who charge Mr. Rockefeller with robbing the people, when kerosene oil rises one cent on the gallon, had better examine the question more closely and logically, to ascertain whether the advance in the price of oil has been of his own volition, or by commission as the Lord's collecting agent to get a small percentage of the one tenth from the world of robbers the Lord has been carrying in His arms for thousands of years.

Let us see, and reason on this subject: Mr. Rockefeller made a covenant with God, and honored Him by keeping it. So the Lord knew that all the blessings passing through the hands of Rockefeller's honest heart, would be tithed. Hence, He commissioned him, as His collecting agent, for He hath promised to honor those who honor Him. And it is doubtful whether Mr. Rockefeller knows to this very day that the Lord has conferred this honor upon him.

When there is a **special need of fnance** on some line of religious endeavor, the Lord simply touches the heart of his agent, and it becomes absolutely **necessary** for the price of oil to go up one cent on the gallon. Nobody knows why, Mr. Rockefeller himself does not know, but God does. He must have something from these rob-

bers in charge of His world, whom He has kept alive, fed, clothed and given great prosperity all these years.

The price goes up—God gets one mill per gallon, and Mr. Rockefeller nine mills. In the sale of every hundred million gallons, the Lord gets one hundred thousand dollars, and Mr. Rockefeller nine hundred thousand. This is one of the Lord's ways to reward his people in this life, when they have faith enough to give their hearts, consecrate their lives, trust Him and tithe all their income.

It was said at one time, that Mr. Rockefeller could not live, he had no stomach, and that he would give a million dollars to be able to digest a good meal—it was only a question of a short time and he would be gone.

This was said more than a quarter of a century ago, and he is living today (1923). It is evident that those who were talking and writing about him, did not know the man—many of the talkers and writers have long since passed into the great beyond, while he sits in his **easy chair**, with the windows of heaven open, and the blessing of reasonable health, long life, possessions everywhere, and the distinction of being the richest man in all the world is being poured out upon him .

Whether he has any stomach or not, it appears that he is being kept here as a witness for the Lord that if the people, from the highest officials to the lowest members in the Church,

will be honest with God, consecrate their hearts and lives, and bring all the tithes into the storehouse, He will open the windows of heaven, and pour them out a blessing as individuals, so great, that they will not have room enough to receive it.

CHAPTER VI.

PLACE FOR TITHING IN EXPERIENCE.

Hear the testimony of a merchant at "Sand Springs, Tulsa County, Oklahoma," whose leaflet I have before me:

"The writer of this leaflet is a merchant and proved God's challenge, and testifies to the exact and wonderful truth of these promises. They are true and sure, and God will prove to you that He is God, and that He loves you, and keeps all His promises; and that the Bible is His everlasting word, and that He blesses and prospers those who tithe." The same merchant says: "Some time ago, the writer of this pamphlet, read about Jacob's vow to tithe, and how the Lord blessed him, in the book called Judah's Sceptre and Joseph's Birthright, written by Rev. J. H. Allen, of Pasadena, Calif. My attention was called to the fact that the Bible related how Jacob returned to his home in twenty years with riches and blessings as a result of his covenant of tithing. With some doubts, and with a desire to test if the Bible is true, and to prove without a shadow of doubt, that

there is a God, and that His promises are everlasting and to everyone, I made a special covenant to set aside a certain percentage of my income or increase.

At that time, I had a mortgage on my home, owed heavily, and was burdened with cares and worry. I determined to prove God. Within three months unexpected and unforeseen blessings came to me, and God opened my eyes to see His love and faithfulness to His promises. Since that time, I have been blessed beyond my utmost expectations in every way, and prospered in everything I have put my hand to; I believe in my heart, God accepted my taking up His offer in Malachi third chapter, and that my blessings have been due to that fact.

I have been through a flood, an earthquake, and two fires without any ultimate loss. In hard times I have made money, and I believe at all times there has been a protecting care around me, that has kept me from many mishaps, or mistakes, that I would have made, if left to my own judgment. Heavenly blessings, too, have been wonderfully great—I thank God for the privilege of tithing—it is a great joy.

There is no other confidence like it, for you have back of you, God's constant care and watchfulness over your business, or your work or position, that brings good to you at every turn, even though disguised at the time. You can step forward in the dark, knowing your feet will rest upon a rock safely; you can not fail.

God will bless and prosper you even greater than your ability to receive. I believe tithing is a solution for poverty.

"I testify to the reality of God, the truth of His Holy Scriptures, and that God keeps His promises." **The Writer.**

The above is the testimony from the pen of one who, when he started out in the business world, had his doubts as to whether or not there is a God. Misfortune had overtaken him, deeply involved him in debt, placed the iron shackles of a mortgage upon his home, with the evident intention of adding his name to the unfortunate list of the bankrupt business men, who had fallen by the wayside. He was told that the Bible says: When Jacob was a young man, an exile from home, poor, and in distress; that he vowed a vow unto the Lord, that if God would be with Him, and keep him in the way he was going, give him bread to eat and raiment to put on, and cause him to return to his father's house in peace; then he affirmed that the Lord should be his God, and the stone which he had set for a pillar, should be God's house, and of all the Lord would give to him, he would surely give the tenth unto Him; and that in about twenty years, Jacob returned to his father's house in peace, having great riches.

This merchant, who was almost ready to give up in despair, determined to **prove for himself, if there is a God**, whose promised blessings are open to every one; hence he accepted the Lord

in partnership with him, and solemnly pledged to give Him a certain percentage of all his income; and within three months, the Lord opened the eyes of his understanding, so that he could see the showers of unexpected blessings poured upon him, enabling him to cancel the mortgage on his home, pay all his debts, and throw off the heavy burden of **cares and worry** that had been weighing him down and impeding his progress, and now he has no doubts as to the existence of the Almighty God, whose promised blessings are open to every one; for he fully believes in His word. He confidently leans upon His promises, for he declares, through the blessings of God, he has prospered in everything he has put his hands to.

CHAPTER VII.

ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF TITHING IN BUSINESS.

There is a merchant in Morehead City, N. C., by the name of Mr. Green, who started out in business not long since, with a capital of only \$3.00 in a rented house. He invested \$2.35 in apples, reserving 65c for change. He says, about one year ago, in 1919, he accepted the Lord in partnership with him, giving Him one-tenth interest in his business; and today, considering the capital invested, and the circumstances surrounding his condition when he commenced business, the author of this volume

really believes, that Mr. Green has made greater progress than any other merchant in his town.

He now owns the store in which he is doing business, has purchased another building and removed it to the rear of his store. In this building he is conducting a splendid barber's business. He said to the writer, "Reverend, come to my store and see my business, the Lord **really** has prospered me! Every Saturday night, my business closes about 12 o'clock, and it takes an hour to find out what my **income** has been during the week, so that I can separate the Lord's part from mine. Then I retire for rest.

"On the Sabbath morning I go to Church, and when the offering is called for, I take the one-tenth of my income of the past week, and lay it all on the Lord's table. And I have been doing this for about one year, but now, I shall adopt 'The Home and Church Tithing System.'"

In the month of January, 1921, the author preached a sermon in the town of Beaufort, N. C., from the subject of "Giving the Lord what Belongs to Him." During the discussion he presented "The Home and Church Tithing System," and the spirit of the Lord accompanied His word, so that there were many who felt that all men ought to give to the Lord what really belongs to Him. The author held that the first thing to be given is the sinful heart, which must be regenerated—born again into the spiritual kingdom of grace and glory, so as to become a new creature. The next step is

giving one tenth of all the income. This brings the creature and his Lord into co-partnership. The Supt. of the Sunday School of this particular Church is a very bright young man of great promise, by the name of Mr. Johnson. He is employed by the town as an electrician, at a salary of \$100.00 per month. He said to the author during the hour of the Sunday School service, "Reverend, after the sermon this morning, my wife said to me: "The Home and Church Tithing System" is a very good and practical plan, and I want you to establish it in our home at once." The author said, "Will you do it?" and he said, "Yes." He gave the author to understand that Tuesday in that week would be his monthly pay day, and on that date the Lord's Treasury would be established in his home with \$10.00 in it.

That tithing is a requirement, is right, and ought to be done, the Lord Jesus Himself is a witness, in that He does not discountenance it. He regards it as a necessary duty when He says: "Woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin; and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy and faith: these (paying tithes) ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." Matt. 23:23."

CHAPTER VIII.

FAITHFULNESS AND TITHING BRING PROSPERITY.

After the death of Abram's father Terah, at the age of two hundred and five years; the Lord called Abram out from his idolatrous country and kindred, including his father's house, into a land which the Lord promised to show him.

The Lord said to him, "I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." Gen. 12:2-4.

Abram was now seventy-five years old, and though surrounded by idolatry, when the Lord made this proposition to him, his faith rose up through the mist of heathenism, caught hold upon God, and he, his wife, nephew and all their possessions departed and followed the Lord. who led them through the land of Canaan, spending some time in Sichem and Bethel. And when the great famine came, the Lord led them down into Egypt, in Africa, where they sojourned for a short time. And when they returned out of Egypt to Bethel in Canaan, we are told that Abram was **very rich** in cattle, in silver, and in gold. He knew God, by faith; he had seen the windows of heaven open to him, and the Lord's blessing poured upon him so abundantly that often he had no room to re-

ceive them. The life and health of himself and family, his maidservants, menservants, cattle, his silver and gold, were all the result of these blessings.

“From Cruden’s Concordance Complete on the Tithe”

“The practice of paying tithes is very ancient; for we find Gen. 14:20 that Abraham gave tithes of Melchizedek, king of Salem, at his return from his expedition against Chedorlaomer, and the four kings in confederacy with him. Abraham gave him the tithe of all the booty taken from the enemy. Jacob imitated this piety of his grandfather when he vowed to the Lord the tithe of all the substance he might acquire in Mesopotamia. Gen. 28:22: “Of all that thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth unto thee; for the maintenance of thy worship, and other pious uses. Under the law, Moses ordained, Lev. 27:30, 31, 32. All the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord’s; it is holy unto the Lord, etc.

There were three sorts of tithes to be paid from the people (besides those from the Levites to the priests) Num. 28:26, 27, etc. (1) To the Levites, for their maintenance, Num. 18:21-24. (2) For the Lord’s feasts and sacrifices, to be eaten in the place which the Lord should choose to put His name there: to-wit, where the Ark should be, the tabernacle or temple. This tenth

part was either sent to Jerusalem in kind, or, if it was too far, they sent the value in money, which was to be laid out for oxen, sheep, wine, or what else they pleased, Deut. 14:22, 23,24, etc. (3) Besides these two, there was to be, every third year, a tithe for the poor, to be eaten at their own dwellings, Deut. 14-28:29. Some are of the opinion that this third tithe was not different from the second before taken notice of, except that in the third year it was not brought to the temple, but was used upon the spot by every one in the city of his habitation, so that there were only, according to them, two sorts of tithes, that which was given to Levites and priests, and that which was applied to making feasts of charity, either in the temple of Jerusalem, or in other cities."

Tithes were paid to God as a sign of homage and gratitude: Thus Abraham's giving tithes of the spoil to Melchizedek, was a token that he owned his victory and success to be from God; and when tithes were kept back from the priests, the Lord complained that He was robbed. Mal. 3:8. The paying of them was an honoring of God, Prov. 3:9. Hence the Apostle proves the superiority of Melchizedek and the priesthood of Levi, because Abraham and Levi in his loins, paid tithes unto him, as the lesser unto the greater, Heb. 7:4, 5, 6, etc.

Jacob realized that if he were to rise out of poverty, so as to be able to enjoy the good things of this life, it must be brought about

through a liberal heart—for it has always been more blessed to give than to receive—hence he presents to the Lord a proposition, sealed with a vow, saying: “If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, so that I come again to my father’s house in peace; then shall the Lord be my God: And this stone which I have set for a pillar, shall be God’s house: And of all that thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth unto thee.” Gen. 28: 20, 21, 22. And the man (Jacob) increased exceedingly and had much cattle, and maidservants, and menservants, and camels, and asses. Gen. 30:43. And in twenty years Jacob with great riches returned again to his father’s house in peace.

And God said unto him (Jacob), I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply: a nation and a company of nation’s shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins.

And the land which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land. Gen. 35:11.

CHAPTER IX.

TESTIMONY.

God, the Creator of all things, and the judge of all men, who demands one tenth of the income of His creatures, now speaks "For thus saith the Lord of hosts: Yet once, it is a little while, and I will **shake the heaven, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land:** And I will **shake all nations,** and the desire of all nations (the Mesiah, the Christ) shall come, and I will fill this house with my glory, saith the Lord of Hosts. Haggai 2:6-7.

What others say, who have proved tithing. Hear them: "I have been tithing several months, and find my blessings greater than before." "I have tithed several years, and God has greatly blessed me in all things. While I robbed Him (and I did) I had a hard time, all the time." "I have been a tither for 14 years. I do not hesitate to say that I believe God has prospered me for it." "For many years, I have adopted a plan of giving one tenth, never below it, in all these years have steadily prospered in worldly things." "I am a tither. Have tithed for ten years, during my experience in the ministry. God has blessed me and mine far above our deserts. I enjoy tithing, and propose to continue it. I keep a carefully itemized tithing account." "I was in doubt for a long time that I ought to give largely to benevolence, while I was in debt. At length I was persuaded that I was

robbing God to pay my creditors. My wife and I consulted over the matter, and decided to give a tenth, which we have done, and God is prospering us beyond any previous experience." "I am a firm believer in the tithing system. I had to borrow every cent to commence business—I promised the Lord that I would give Him one tenth of all profits. I have succeeded beyond my expectations and the expectations of my friends." "Since I started tithing I have been greatly benefited in soul and body, temporally, financially and spiritually."—From "The Tither."

The above are testimonies of different tithers whose hearts seem to be overflowing with love and joy, in having the privilege to testify to the public, that God's promise to open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing upon those who honestly give Him one tenth of their income, is true. Righteous seed are precious, and when sown in good soil, by faith, will germinate, grow, mature and transform into nuggets of gold.

"And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord. And if a man will at all redeem aught of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth part thereof.

And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord.

"He shall not search whether it be good or bad, neither shall he change it :and if he change

it at all, then both it and the change thereof shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed." Levit. 27.30-33.

Those who give the Lord one tenth of their income, are making deposits into the infinite and eternal Bank—laying up treasures in heaven, according to the advice of our Lord and Master, who said: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal:

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Matt. 6:19-21.

There is one thing we must not fail to see, and thoroughly understand, that as an **assurance** of our treasures being in heaven, our **hearts and lives** must be given to God, as well as the one tenth of our income. And then, the interest in blessings will come down upon us in this life, and in the life to come, we shall share with our blessed Redeemer, eternal riches, honor, power, and glory forever more.

CHAPTER X

SCRIPTURAL EXHORTATIONS TO TITHING

When the Apostle Paul was taking leave of the Elders and members of the Church at Ephesus, bound in the spirit, on his way to Jerusalem, he said to them: "I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel. Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me. I have showed you all things, how that so laboring, ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, "It is more blessed to give, than to receive. Acts. 20.33-35.

Continuing to exhort the Lord's people to obedience, the prophet Isaiah said: "Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord God, and his Spirit, hath sent me.

Thus saith the Lord, thy Redeemer, the holy One of Israel; I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

"O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! Then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea: Thy seed also had been as the sand, and the offspring of thy bowels like the gravel thereof; his name should not have been cut off nor destroyed from before me." Isa. 48.16-19.

Moses said to the Children of Israel: "When ye go over Jordan, and dwell in the land which the Lord your God giveth you to inherit, and when He giveth you rest from all your enemies round about, so that ye dwell in safety; then there shall be a place which the Lord your God shall choose to cause His name to dwell there; thither shall ye bring all that I command you; your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave offering of your hand, and your choice vows which ye vow unto the Lord: And ye shall rejoice before the Lord your God, ye, and your sons, and your daughters, and your men-servants, and your maid-servants, and the Levite that is within your gates; for as much as he hath no part nor inheritance with you. Deut. 12.10-12."

The Church of God is the great Ark of safety, into which all mankind is invited. It is established in the world to glorify God in the uplift and protection of man. Its primary object is to gather, house, train or instruct the unfortunate.

The Creator of the Universe, the great and Mighty God, is the Author of the Church, and in His plan for the creature to worship His Creator, made ample provisions for carrying on this work indefinitely through the law of love. This law requires man to love the Lord his God with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, man is required to love his neighbour as himself.

Hence it appears, that on this law of **love** composed of these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. **Worship** may be compared to a fruit tree. The love of the heart, of the soul and mind, represent the sap of love or seed of life; the will-power, the tree; obedience and liberality, the fruit. When the sap of love or seed of life germinates and grows up into the will-power, sufficiently strong, love conquers, and brings man's will in subjection to the will of God, through repentance, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ: Man having surrendered, becomes a new creature, giving unto God, the love of **all** the heart, of all the soul, and of all the mind; hence he is prepared to love his neighbour as himself.

Now, this tree of worship begins to bear the fruit of **obedience** and liberality. It is an easy matter for this soul to give unto the Lord one tenth of all his income, having already consecrated his heart and life unto God.

CHAPTER XI

FAILURE TO TEACH TITHING BRINGS GOD'S DISPLEASURE

After making some special provisions for the Levites, the Lord sharply reproves the priests, through the prophet Malachi, saying: "And now, O ye priests, this commandment is for you. If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the Lord of

hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yes, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart. Behold, I will corrupt your seed, and spread dung upon your faces, even the dung of your solemn feasts; and one shall take you away with it.

And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that my covenant might be with Levi, saith the Lord of hosts.

My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him for the fear wherewith he feared me, and was afraid before my name.

The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity. For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts. Malachi 2.1-7.

And there came a man of God unto Eli, and said unto him, thus saith the Lord, Did I not plainly appear unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house? And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to offer upon mine altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? And did I give unto the house of thy father, all the offerings made by fire of the children of Israel?

Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and mine offering, which I have commanded in my habi-

tation: And honourest thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat which chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people? Wherefore the Lord God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me forever: but now the Lord saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me, I will honour, and they that despise me, shall be lightly esteemed. I Sam. 2.27-30.

CHAPTER XII

THE GREAT NEED OF FUNDS TO HELP CIVILIZE AND CHRISTIANIZE THE WORLD

Let us honor God, by loving Him with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and our neighbour as ourself. This will enable us to easily consecrate our lives, and tithe all our income unto the Lord.

Let us not forget His promises held out to us, that if we are **honest**, in bringing all the tithes into his storehouse, that He will open the windows of heaven, and pour us out a blessing so great, that we shall not have room to receive it.

Copied from the "World Survey" by permission:

In these pages, we can only give an inkling of the appalling needs, in the work of propagating the kingdom of our Lord and Master, throughout the known world. It will require one tenth of the production of the world to sustain the

Church, and mission-fields, in the conversion, regeneration, preparation and placing in line of service, the great army of Christian preachers and teachers, which the actual needs demand.

And these should be kept constantly engaged in civilizing, evangelizing and christianizing, the non-Christian world; while the Gospel fires must be kept ablaze in the hearts of the Lord's people throughout the Christian world. The spreading of the Lord's kingdom can not be successfully carried on, according to the Lord's plan, without one tenth of the income, of those professing to be Christians, at least.

The "Survey" tells us that only one man in a dozen, in the non-Christian world, can read or write, and only one woman in twenty-five is literate. Ignorance is a great barrier to civilization and Christianity; hence it is incumbent upon the Christian world to remove this obstruction, and let the regenerating gospel of our Lord have an uninterrupted sway in levelling down the hills, and filling up the valleys, for an everlasting triumph of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

It is encouraging to note, that the non-Christian world is awakening to a desire for knowledge, and mission schools are needed to give spiritual value to the new culture that is coming into being.

In Central Africa there are not only whole villages in which there is not a single person who can read, but whole tribes that have no written language.

The great need of Africa, as of all mission fields, is for more teachers. Central Africa alone, counting one teacher for every fifty pupils of school age, needs two hundred and eighty thousand teachers, and this takes no account of the needs of the adult population.

An estimation on an inference drawn from the above statement from the "World Survey," allowing the same for North, South, East, and West Africa would require a million and four hundred thousand missionary teachers to care for the children in Africa of school age, saying nothing about the great army of missionary preachers to labor among the "grown-ups."

Africa has untold wealth, and has been considered by some as "God's Treasure-house for the world." If Christian civilization would be honest with God, and give Him the one tenth of their income which **really** belongs to Him, the second coming of the world's Redeemer would be hastened, and the "kingdoms of this world," would soon "become the kingdom of Our Lord and his Christ."

There is already wealth enough stored in Africa, India, China, Russia, South America, and in all other non-Christian lands, one tenth of which, would more than reimburse the Christian world for any expenditures, in the work of civilizing, educating and christianizing the inhabitants of the whole world. And when we consider the wealth stored in Christian lands, one tenth of which, if it were given, would be suffi-

cient to carry on the great work of the world's redemption in restoring man back to God, without drawing on the resources of the undeveloped heathen lands, we can see that our heavenly Parent made ample provisions for carrying on this work, way back in eternity of the past, when He planned creation.

The "World Survey" informs us, that the civilized white man seeks the wealth of the heathen world; the gold, silver, diamonds, ostrich feathers, copper, chrome ore, and wool of South Africa; the ivory, rubber, oils, copper and copal of the Central countries; the cotton, nuts, oil, hides, wool, cereals and tin of the North, to enrich himself by means of these natural products of the country, without giving the natives that Christian civilization, which would help to enrich them. The "World Survey" is authority for saying that the total foreign trade of Africa for the year prior to the World War, was close to two billion dollars; and that of itself was close to two hundred million dollars the civilized speculative business men robbed the Lord of which He needs in His work of civilizing, educating and christianizing the natives whose country Africa is by inheritance.

CHAPTER XIII

HEATHEN COUNTRIES EXPLOITED

Instead of carrying the blessings of education and christianity, from our Western civilization to Africa's ignorant heathen people, we have carried to them the curse of the fiery spirits of strong drink, prostitution and venereal diseases. According to the most conservative estimate, there are at least one hundred and sixty million of the non-Christian world utterly untouched by any missionary effort.

These figures do not include the people of localities—and there are many such—where there are merely not enough missionaries to handle the work; they include only the peoples living in areas where there are no missionaries at all.

There are still four hundred and eighty thousand square miles of territory in China proper, with thirty-five or forty million inhabitants, utterly unclaimed by any missionary agency; and in Turkestan, Tibet and Mongolia, there are eleven or twelve million more who seem to have been forgotten by the Christian world.

At least twenty-six million of natives of Central Africa have no missions among them or near them. Of the remaining twelve million over one-half are practically untouched by even the influence of the missions.

Afghanistan, with a population of 6,380,500; Nepal, with 5,639,092, and Bhutan, with about 300,000 inhabitants are all standing out in the

cold icy refrigerator of heathenism, without a knowledge of the love of God, and Salvation through the death of His Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. In Central and Southeastern Asia, in the Near East, in Latin America, there are millions waiting to hear the word of God.

With the exception of Afghanistan, Nepal, Bhutan and Tibet, there is practically no country in the world, where it is not legally permissible to preach the religion of Jesus Christ. It is estimated that, given missionaries and money, all China could be occupied by these workers in the next five years. China is exceptionally well organized for missionary effort. There is the China Continuation Committee, which can act as a clearing house for Boards wishing to open new missions. The large number of missionary societies makes it possible to draw on existing work for experienced leaders to go into new fields, while they are replaced with new workers from America.

Where are the men, women (missionary workers) and money to come from? The larger portion must evidently come from the United States of America. Here is set forth the great need for the one tenth of products in the Christian world to sustain the work of teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ in these lands of heathen darkness. To whom is God looking to lead in demonstrating examples of obedience to His blessed word and will? Does He look for the heathen to lead in obeying His command of giving Him the one

tenth of his income? Or does He look for the Christian to lead, to whom He says, "Ye are the light of the World?" Evidently the Christian must lead in **obedience** or report to God the reason why.

Russia is a great country with one hundred seventy-eight million nine hundred six thousand and five hundred souls, and only nine million nine hundred eighty-five thousand or about ten million Christians. It is said, that from the earliest times, the mind of this country has been pre-occupied with religious questions. No other country, except the United States, has so many different Christian or so many dissenting sects. Before the "World War," 37 per cent of the Christian communicants of Europe resided within the bounds of the old Russian Empire.

The great nucleus of Russian Christians were adherents of the Eastern Orthodox Church. The Eastern Church was also the state Church, and closely identified with the governing machinery of the Czarist regime. The Clergy of the Orthodox Church are the Black Clergy (the high monastic and celibate priests), and the White (married, lay) Clergy. "World Survey."

CHAPTER XIV

THE LARGEST UNOCCUPIED FIELD

The "World Survey" informs us, that the greatest stretch of unevangelized territory in the world, lies in the center of South America, including the interior of Brazil, Venezuela, Columbia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia and Paraguay. An irregular tract of land some two thousand miles long, and from five hundred to fifteen hundred miles wide, has only two or three missionaries. In Northern Brazil there are seven states, with populations ranging from that of the State of Maine to that of New Jersey, with no foreign missionary. In spite of the needs, as great in the interior of South America as in China or Africa, American Mission Boards (up to Jan., 1920), did not support one hospital in all the Continent.

The non-Christian world is calling for Gospel light. The Presidents of at least five countries: Mexico, Guatemala, Argentina, Bolivia and Ecuador, have all asked that Protestant Mission work be carried on in their countries. Practically every mission school in Latin America is over-crowded, and could be filled immediately to twice its present capacity.

Space in the present work, forbids giving anything save an inkling, which is only a hint at the great needs for the one tenth of the income from the resources of the Christian world, to carry and disseminate the light of Gospel truth into every heathen land, where millions are waiting

and calling for it. To show the great possibilities of the Christian Church, we quote almost a page from the "Statistical Mirror" of the "World Survey." While we refer to the maps and charts of the World Survey, and have permission to use them, we shall not be able to do so in this edition, but may do so, in a later one. Applying the principle of this chart, (the one referred to above) not to Protestantism as a whole, but to the registered membership of the Interchurch bodies, as reported to this date, January 29, 1920; it would require the tithe of only \$1.93 per member per day to meet the total local and benevolent expenses of the last year, and provide one billion dollars for advance work.

One billion dollars was selected without reference to the "Interchurch World Survey." No one knows, that this large sum in any sense, represents the amount needed. It was selected to show that thoroughly organized Protestantism with each member contributing, could raise this amount without special effort. As applied to the work of the Church in the past, a billion dollars seems beyond the range of the possible; but when we investigate the resources our heavenly Father has given this Christian nation to draw upon, a billion dollars, is a very small sum, for Protestantism in America to raise.

We repeat the same thought to emphasize it: Prior to the world war, we could not have reasonably considered such a proposition, our vision was too small. But today, with an enlarged vis-

ion to see the world's needs, so appallingly great and our prosperity so wonderful, that a billion dollars in a single year of time, from the Protestant Christian membership, of our favored country, is altogether within the range of the possible. Never in the history of the human family has the field been so white unto the harvest, and never before has the ability to give vast sums been so apparent.

Last year (1918) the Protestant Churches of the United States reported \$249,778,536 or the tithe of 27 cents per day, expended for local and benevolent work. As a total figure, this is a very large sum, but when looked upon from the standpoint of an individual offering, 2 cents and 7 mills per member per day, is scarcely worthy of being considered an offering, nor even a tithe.

The giving of Protestantism in 1918, is represented by the darker section of the chart (we hope to present this chart in the next edition). If the entire Protestant Church reached the average of the Northern Baptist Convention, 3 cents and 3 mills per member per day, there would be \$47,875,515, above the total giving of the last year for the advance work. This is shown by the lighter section of the Baptist column.

If the Methodist Episcopal Church per capita standard of 3 cents and 4 mills per member per day were reached by all Protestantism, the margin above the total giving of last year for advance work would be \$56,413,539.

If the Protestant Church could be lifted to the per capita standard of the Presbyterian Church of 5 cents and 6 mills per member per day, there would be a margin above the giving of the previous year for advance work of \$259,122,758.

And if the Protestant membership could be lifted to the per capita standard of the Seventh Day Adventists, of 11 cents and 6 mills per member per day, last year's giving would be maintained with a margin of \$811,615,547 for new work. **This Church advocates**, and its members **practice tithing**. See the table of comparison between the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Seventh Day Adventist.

It is an amazing statement that the tithe of \$1.37 per day or 13 cents and 7 mills per day from each member of the Protestant Churches of the United States, would maintain all Church expenses, as per last year, and provide for the world's need in new work the colossal sum of one billion dollars!

A full tithe from each member as a minimum, and an offering according to our ability, will hasten the day of the world's redemption. If the next great revival throughout the Church, could be in the deepening of the **consciousness of personal responsibility to God**, and the sense of obligation **deepened** concerning the world's needs; and if the Church throughout its entire membership were awakened, so as to be able to take in the situation, a billion dollars per year would be a very small amount of money for the

Protestant Church in the United States to raise annually for the advancement of new work, and every Church would be established upon a more permanent basis.

CHAPTER XV

WORLD'S CONDITION—PROGRAMME OF GOD'S KINGDOM REJECTED

The "World Survey" presents a vivid picture of the awful condition the world is in; showing that the Kingdom of heaven still suffers violence, and the violent must take it by force. The conditions obtaining among men, as revealed by the "World Survey," are so **depraved** that they are unthinkable, and therefore, ought to be known to every Christian in the world. If the original plan of the "**Interchurch World's Survey**," could have been carried out, so that these facts might have been laid bare, and placed in the home of every Christian in the land, I venture the assertion, that if **any**, there would not have been **many**, among those professing to be the Lord's children **truly born of God**, who would have refused to establish the Lord's Treasury in their homes. And they would have faithfully and conscientiously tithed all their income, and placed the one tenth in the Lord's home treasury, which really belongs to Him, to help carry forward the work of His kingdom in the world, for the good of mankind.

Christianity is sick; and **the world** is dying.

There is none who can restore sick Christianity to normal health, or save a dying world, but the great physician, the sympathizing Jesus; and His prescription book is the Holy Bible, which He has given to the Church saying: "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

This work must be done through the instrumentality of man. In the creation of the world, God placed everything in and around the world necessary for man. Giving him control, God turned the world over to man, making him lord and master. And from the dawn of creation, the Lord has been gradually unlocking some of nature's storehouses in earth and heaven where His treasures are, giving man light, knowledge and understanding, that he might go down to the adamantine strata of earth, get the silver, gold and diamonds stored there; and plunge into the sea, and from her depth bring forth the costly pearls and other valuables; then command the lightning from the clouds to come down and do his bidding. And too, innumerable, various multiplied productions of earth are given to man, with the understanding that one tenth of the income from the use of them all belongs to God. And if he fail to give the Lord his part—the love of **all** his heart, **soul** and **mind**; his neighbor as

himself, and one tenth of all his income, God is displeased with him, and calls him a robber.

The tithe or one tenth of our income, is not only to support the local Church, so as to keep the fires of God's love burning in the hearts of believers in Bible lands and Christian countries, but to send missionary men and women, into heathen lands, whose hearts are on fire, with the burning love of God, and who have received the Commission, "Go, ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

It is this message and this alone, sent by the World's Redeemer, through the Holy Bible and commissioned men and women, to teach all nations, that will restore sick Christianity, to normal health, and save a dying world from sin and death.

There is a crying call for Christian teachers in nearly all of the non-Christian world. Oh! If all of those who profess to love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, could but know the actual condition of the non-Christian millions of souls in Africa, China, India, Russia, Japan, South America, including Latin America and the many islands of the sea—If the **Christian world really knew, I believe they would be willing** to obey the Lord, and give Him the one tenth of their income which belongs to Him, to help ameliorate the

condition of the millions of souls for whom Christ died, the same as He did for us.

CHAPTER XVI

THE NEED OF CO-OPERATION IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The hope of the world lies in the proper training of children. The educated in the Christian world know that the causes which kill a lamentable number of children in infancy also maim and handicap thousands of those who survive. We must convey this knowledge to the non-Christian world.

Some one has estimated that from six to twelve million American children are victims of malnutrition, that is they are not getting enough of the right kind of food—good food. There are areas in the non-Christian world, where **all the children are undernourished.**

Mothers do not know how to be **good** mothers by instinct; they must be taught, even Christian mothers in civilized lands; then it is certainly reasonable to conclude that heathen women should be taught how to be good mothers.

The "World Survey" tells us that "half the fight for a better world is won, if the children are fairly equipped in body, mind and soul for the tasks of life." This equipment prepares the children to be **good mothers and fathers**, who will surely look after the welfare of their children. These **good mothers and fathers** will need

the help of the **teacher** in the school room and the **preacher** in the pulpit. Our Lord pronounces a blessing upon those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, and tells them that "**theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**" The "**World Survey**" tells the children who are properly equipped in body, mind and soul that "**theirs is the future of the earth;**" and that if we will show them the way to it—"theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Early Marriages Mean Degeneration.

Child marriage, like every other thing that lowers the status of woman, is costly not alone to the woman but to the race. Child marriage means the breeding of children by immature women, undeveloped in body and unready in mind. The result is ill health and unhappiness for women. They grow old too soon. They share little in the comforts and adventures of life. They create little bodies, and they do not create homes where children may grow healthy and wise.

Through Central Africa, the marriage age for women is from ten to fourteen. In North Africa, the marriage age for women is from nine to fifteen. In India there are two and one-half million wives under ten years old. In Japan, the age is rising. The marriage age for women is now around twenty. The change can be laid to Christian influence, and to general recognition, that to allow the development of the mother before marriage is the greatest insurance against producing a feeble race. Japan has risen higher

in Christian matrimonial civilization than any of the countries named above. Indeed, she is coming toward the light, and is making rapid progress on all lines. The open Bible and "The Home and Church Tithing System" established in her homes, churches and schools, would be an asset, the value of which, is beyond estimation.

Whenever any nation, race or individual fails to acknowledge God's right (as the Creator, Redeemer and Preserver of mankind), by withholding from Him the one tenth of income which He demands, and which rightfully belongs to Him, they are accused as robbers, and He says, "Ye are cursed with a curse, for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation."

CHAPTER XVII

WHO WAS MELCHIZEDEK?

He is a great character, and as mysterious as he is great. Like John the Baptist, he seems to have been a forerunner of Christ. John came baptizing, and saying: "Repent ye for the kingdom of heaven is at hand;" and when asked who he was, said: "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord, and make His paths straight."

Melchizedek came with blessings of peace and consolation for the "father of the faithful," when he was returning in the name of the Lord, from a victorious battle where he had slaughtered the wicked kings of the East. John came

ordained to preach the Gospel, and to announce to the world that "the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Melchizedek came to present to the Church in the world, a new order of Priesthood and clothed with kingly and priestly authority, he administered the Sacrament, bread and wine, to Abraham, and blessed him, as great as he was, for Paul gives us to understand, that he was even greater than Abraham.

The Bible tells us that he was king of Salem and priest of the Most High God; and other glorious things are said of him. Heb. 7 chapter. Matthew Henry says, that the rabbis and most of our rabbinical writers conclude that Melchizedek was Shem, son of Noah, who was king and priest of those that descended from him, according to the patriarchal model. But this is not at all probable; for why should his name be changed without a mention being made of it, as was in the case of Jacob, when his name was changed to Israel? And what caused Shem to settle in Canaan?

Many Christian writers have thought that this was an appearance of the Son of God himself; that our Lord Jesus was known to Abraham by this name, while Hagar afterwards called Him by another name. Gen. 16:3. But the same writer says: "The most received opinion is, that Melchizedek was a Canaanite Prince that reigned in Salem, and kept up the true religion there; but, if so, why should he appear here only in all the story of Abraham, why Abraham

should have altars of his own, and not attend the altars of his neighbor Melchizedek, who was greater than he, seems unaccountable.”

There seems no more reasonable ground for questioning that Melchizedek was a descendant of Canaan than there is for questioning that Elijah was a descendant of Gilead or Naphtali; so far as records go, he has no beginning of days nor end of life. There is every reason for believing, however, that Melchizedek is a descendant of Canaan, whose father is Ham.

Looking over the wicked descendants of Canaan, God found in the heart of the king of Salem, such a perfect order of Priesthood, that He said to the second person in the adorable Trinity, the Son of God: “The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent. Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek. Psa. 110:4.”

And hence Jesus is our great High Priest to-day, and will be forevermore, after the order of Melchizedek, the Canaanitish king, and priest of the most high God. Let us remember that whatever **curse** may have been pronounced upon Canaan on account of his father’s sins, the blood of Jesus Christ is sufficient, for it **cleanseth from all sin**.

CHAPTER XVIII

HOW TO TEACH TITHING

If Abraham paid tithes to Melchizedek, ought we not to pay tithes to God? Certainly we ought, for God has commanded us to bring all the tithes into the storehouse, and prove Him, if he will not open the windows of heaven and pour us out such a blessing, we shall not have room enough to receive it.

How are the people to know that God requires of them to give His righteous cause one tenth of their income? The preachers and teachers must instruct the people from the pulpits, school rooms, publicly from the platform, and privately in the homes, whenever and wherever there is an opportunity.

These lessons must be taught the people—that is, the children must be taught in the day schools, in the Sunday Schools, and in all the religious and benevolent assemblies.

But the **first, and most important** contribution to be made, is to **give our hearts and consecrate our lives to God.**

When this has been **conscientiously** done, it will be an easy matter for us to give one tenth of our income to the Lord.

We must think of the heathen, and speak to our friends of their condition. The children must be taught to think of the heathen, and speak to their friends about the millions of little

children who are dying daily for the want of natural and spiritual food and clothing.

Give God your heart, with a **consecrated life**, **believe** and **tithe**, and blessings shall come upon you, more brilliantly than the sparkling rays of diamonds held up to the splendor of the meridian sun.

“Thy word is true from the beginning; and every one of thy righteous judgments **endureth forever**. Psa. 119:160.” Let the Lord’s treasury be in every home; and one tenth of all the income to that home **honestly placed in that treasury** for religious and benevolent appeals to the members of the home. Let this be done with a pure heart. “In hope of eternal life, which God, that can not lie, promised before the world began.” Titus 1:2.

We know there are some who do not believe in paying their honest debts to men, and there are others who do not believe in paying their honest debts to God, even when He calls upon them to bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in his house, promising to open the windows of heaven and pour out great blessings upon them—still they do not believe. But this should not discourage those who read these lines, for the Apostle Paul said to the Church at Rome—“For what if some did not believe? Shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid; yea, let God be found true, but every man a liar.” Rom. 3.3-4.

“For What Saith the Scripture?”

“Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.” Rom. 4:3. And Jesus says: “Therefore, whosoever heareth these saying of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock. And the rain descended and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not, for it was founded upon a rock.” Matt. 7:24-25.

Believe and be happy: Rejoice, tithe, trust God and wait patiently for Him, He will surely come in due time, and you shall see His coming, if you faint not. He will keep His word. God is true, faithful and righteous altogether—Praise the Lord, O my soul, let all that is within me, praise His holy name! Praise ye the Lord.

Open up your financial account with God to-day. And keep the Covenant in some safe place where you can see it often. Sign the pledge now and give the Lord an interest in all you have. He is a good and safe Pilot who will steer your business craft clear of all shoals and rocks into the haven of great prosperity.

CHAPTER XIX

THE TITHER'S PLEDGE

Believing that it is my duty to give to the Lord my God in obedience the entire service of my life, I hereby covenant to Him one tenth interest in all of my affairs, so as to entitle Him to one-tenth of all my wages, increase or profit, and promise to faithfully set aside in the Lord's Treasury in my home, systematically and regularly to the best of my ability, the one tenth which belongs to Him as a holy consecrated fund. And that out of this fund I am to get money to meet the demands made upon me and my family for my Church and all benevolences. And whenever my Church, through its pastor or his representative, issues a call for all the tithes to be brought into the Lord's storehouse, I will turn all the tithes remaining in the Lord's Home Treasury into His Church Treasury; and returning to my home, I will continue the tithing system as before, and will trust the Lord for His blessing according to His promise.

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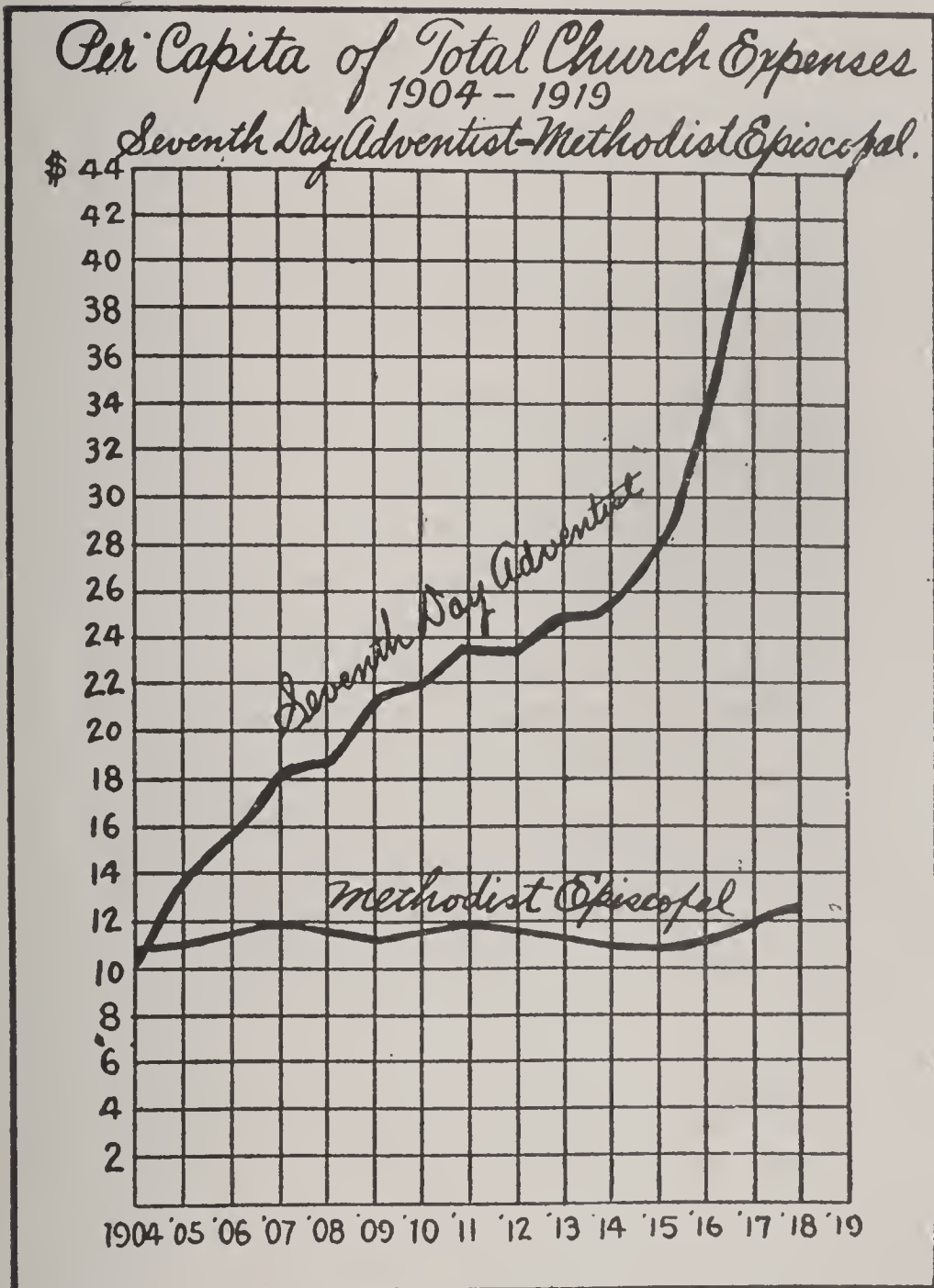
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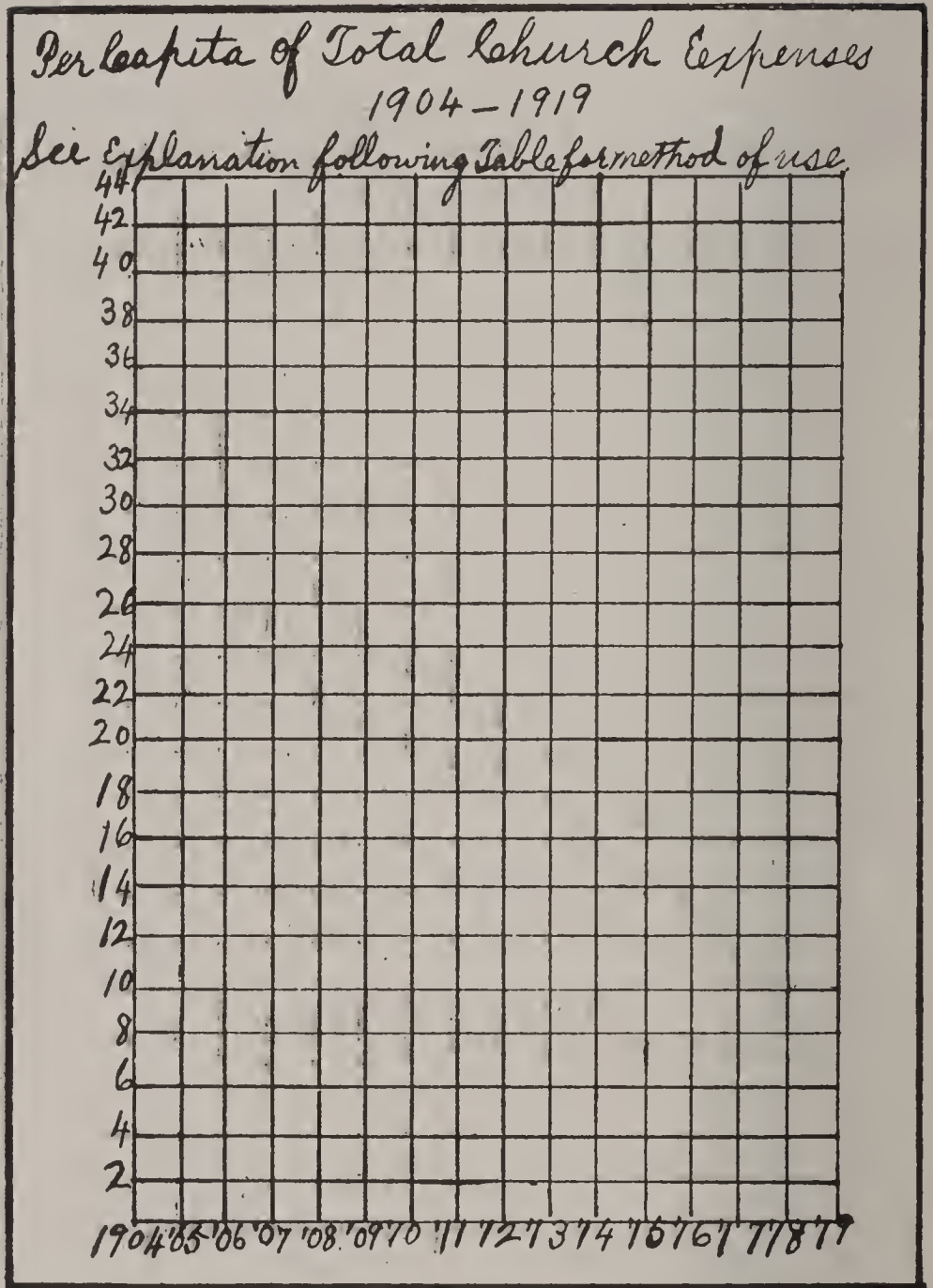
MEMBERSHIP AND TOTAL CHURCH EXPENSES. RECORD FOR 15 YEARS.

Seventh Day Adventist Church				Methodist Episcopal Church			
year	Membership Inc. Foreign	Total Giving	Per Capita Giving	year	Membership Inc. Foreign	Total Giving	Per Capita Giving
1904	81,711	858,714	10.48	1904	1,781,589	30,050,683	10.80
1905	87,311	1,180,918	13.52	1905	2,832,899	31,141,702	10.99
1906	91,531	1,394,362	15.23	1906	2,903,163	32,790,503	11.29
1907	94,048	1,704,718	18.13	1907	2,960,474	34,992,318	11.82
1908	97,579	1,770,649	18.14	1908	3,034,168	35,010,113	11.54
1909	100,931	1,984,557	19.66	1909	3,116,785	35,164,588	11.28
1910	104,526	2,223,768	21.27	1910	3,171,454	36,902,121	11.64
1911	108,975	2,363,088	21.68	1911	3,212,160	38,924,541	12.08
1912	114,206	2,702,199	23.66	1912	3,304,651	38,788,748	11.74
1913	122,386	2,866,717	23.42	1913	3,406,470	39,035,429	11.46
1914	125,844	3,090,485	24.56	1914	3,536,123	39,813,038	11.24
1915	136,879	3,407,298	24.89	1915	3,620,470	39,965,331	11.04
1916	141,488	3,950,492	27.92	1916	3,724,188	41,416,760	11.11
1917	153,857	5,119,683	33.28	1917	3,844,155	46,205,726	12.02
1918	162,667	6,895,720	42.39	1918	3,849,381	47,074,301	12.23

The above statistical items are better understood when studied from a graph. See following page.



HOME AND CHURCH TITHING



The 1913 per capita loss in the record of the Adventists was recovered the next year, while it required three years for Methodism to recover the 1908 per capita loss, and the per capita of 1911 was not regained until 1918. It will be observed that the per capita giving of the Methodist Episcopal Church during the past fifteen years has remained practically constant, the per capita for 1918 being only slightly in advance of that of 1904.

The record of the Adventists, slightly below that of the Methodists in 1904, shows an increase each year except in 1913, and in 1918 the per capita giving is more than four times their average of fifteen years ago. The Adventist record grows out of the tithe as a **regular part of church worship**. A similar statistical record, when made into a graph, can be used in a very practical manner for local churches or for other denominations. Page 76 provides a suitable blank for this purpose. It is commonly known, and not to their discredit, that the Seventh Day Adventists are not rich as a church. Their membership is made up very largely from the great middle class. Hence their per capita wealth and consequent income would hardly measure up to the Methodist Episcopal Church. No invidious comparison is here intended but an attempt to get at the facts. What is the truth? Look at the graph.

If the Methodist Episcopal Church had given as much per capita for all Church expenses as

the Seventh Day Adventists gave, she would have paid \$163,175,261 in a single year instead of the \$47,074,301, or enough to take care of all her church expenses and \$116,100,960 to apply on her Centenary subscription, thus paying in a single year the whole five-year quota.

CHAPTER XX

SYMMETRICAL EDUCATION

Too much stress can not be placed on the idea of a proper and thorough education. By it we obtain the best results in developing **perfect manhood and womanhood**. This education should begin generations before we enter the world. If our ancestors could have been begotten and conceived by symmetrically trained characters, for generations that have passed into the great beyond, we would have been a far more civilized and christianized people today. Lord Nelson once said: "England needs **more mothers**." He might as truthfully have said: the world needs more **mothers**, and more **fathers**, in the **truest sense** of these words. But, as has already been stated, women do not make good mothers by instinct, they must be trained; the same is true with regard to men—they must be trained to become good fathers. Education in the care and feeding of children must be part of the message urged upon all, and **especially** must this instruction be given to the heathen world.

There must be more hospitals and more doc-

tors. The Christian ideals of the dignity of woman, the sacredness of motherhood, and the divine duties of fatherhood, must be instilled in the minds of the people, through the training of the children in the Christian as well as in the heathen world. Childhood is the door, through which we must enter the real manhood and womanhood of the world.

If the heathen are to be civilized, evangelized, christianized and all the world prosper; the children must be trained in the secular, as well as in religious schools, trained to understand that God is the original and rightful owner of all things, and that one tenth of the income of the world belongs to Him, and if we fail to give it to Him, we bring upon ourselves his curse, and fiery indignation.

The Bible and "The Home and Church Tithing System" should have an established place in homes, and in all schools, secular as well as religious; from the Kindergarten, through the common schools, Normal schools, Academies, High Schools, Colleges and Universities. This course of training would give to the world evenly balanced minds. The Encyclopaedic Dictionary tells us that **education** (derived from the Latin word *educare*) means to educate—that the word properly means, "the educating, leading out, or drawing out the latent powers of an individual." This authority also says: "From the philosophic point of view everyone is educated, his powers being developed for good or evil by all he sees,

hears, feels or does. Education in this sense, begins when one enters the world, and continues as long as he is in it." The Lexicographer might have said with equal propriety, that one's education begins generations before he enters the world, and after he arrives it continues as long as he is in the world. If it were not so, there would be but little difference between children of educated Christian parents in civilization, and the children of the heathen world.

The countries representing the most enlightened civilization, are only partially civilized, and partially educated and Christianized, from the very fact that our system of civilizing and educating man is wrong. We spend billions of dollars on the development of the natural man, represented by the intellect—one of the faculties of the human soul or mind by which it receives or comprehends the ideas communicated to it by the senses or by perception, or other means, as distinguished from the power to feel and to will; the power or faculty to perceive objects in their relations; the power to judge and comprehend; also the capacity for higher forms of knowledge as distinguished from the power to perceive and imagine; while the spiritual man, represented by the heart, is almost entirely neglected and left dormant.

CHAPTER XXI

SYMMETRICAL EDUCATION CONTINUED

That man is a compound being, is recognized by the Apostle Paul, for he says: "There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body." I Cor. 15.44. Man represents a kingdom, whose throne is set up in the heart. Now as to what course he takes, and what he accomplishes in life, depends largely upon what king or influence sits upon that throne and what system of training he passes through.

The heart is regarded as the seat of all the faculties, capacities, inclinations, affections, passions, in fact, it is considered the seat of the whole moral character of man, even the **intellect** acts under the influence of the king who rules the heart. Hence, in that wonderful sermon on the mount, when our Lord laid out before his disciples, the great field of opportunity, and work to be accomplished, He showed them that the flood-gates of temptation to aggrandizement were open to them, which had already swallowed up the Gentiles, he said: "**But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.**" Matt. 6.33. If the great educators of the civilized world could get a vision broad enough to see that our present system is wrong and would resolve to correct it, in the next ten years civilization and christianity would doubtless make more than one hundred per cent advancement.

In arranging the curriculum, for the educating or drawing out the latent powers of the natural man; for every secular text book laid down (commencing with the Bible), there should be a religious text-book, for the educating or drawing out of the latent powers of the spiritual man, so that these two characters, the natural man, represented by the intellect, and the spiritual man, represented by the heart, may be school-mates, through all of their different studies, co-workers in all of their business life, so that it may be said, **truthfully**, that they have been harmonious students, workers and companions from the womb to the grave.

When **this system** of training shall have been **established**, the day will not be far distant, when we shall be able to train up a child in the way he should go, and be **assured** that when he is old, he will not depart from it. Pro. 22.6. We can then hope for the **broadest, fullest and highest** development of men in this life—To show that under the present system we are only partially civilized and partially educated—ever since we have been called civilized, we have given five days' schooling per week to our children's intellect or natural attributes, while we have only given one day's schooling per week to their heart-culture, or spiritual attributes; and from childhood to old age, $\frac{5}{7}$ per week and $\frac{1}{7}$ per week is about the ratio of education we have been giving these attributes of our children respectively. And yet, when our so-called civilized and christianized

children go through the schools, and graduate from the Colleges and Universities, we are astounded to discover that we have turned out so many skeptics, atheists and infidels. This all happens, because our **system is wrong**; we **educate the intellect**, and **neglect the heart**, when all the faculties of the soul should receive the same training and culture.

While the natural intellect is being educed, drawn out and developed, the spiritual intellect or heart culture should be educed, drawn out and developed, so that their harmonious influence combined might form the character of perfect manhood or womanhood. If the natural intellect be educated—highly cultured, and the spiritual intellect, heart culture, neglected, it is to be regretted, almost as much if not more, as if both had been neglected, for the character they combine to mould will either be a weakling, or be led entirely away from God. But, if the faculties of the soul are trained, educated and refined, side by side, and step by step, and the natural intellect is inclined to yield to the “tempter,” the influence of every other faculty of the soul, rising from a cultured heart, will rescue the natural intellect, saying “Come back, this is the way, come back and walk herein.” As was intended by the Creator, when the faculties of the soul are properly educated, drawn out and fully developed, they will be helpful to each other in moulding great characters who will be fully able to “Train up a child in the way he should

go;" so that "when he is old, he will not depart from it." Prov. 22.6. When this system of education shall have been established, the Christian world will be trained to give the Lord the one tenth, which properly belongs to Him.

When the Bible, "The Home and Church Tithing System," and other religious text-books, shall have been given their proper places in the schools, Colleges and Universities, as outlined above, we may look for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the slight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the head even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. Eph. 4.12-16.

CHAPTER XXII

TITHING, A NECESSITY IN HOME AND CHURCH

As the sun, the great luminary, through his rays, sends out light and heat to all the planets in his system; so the Son of Righteousness, through the Bible and the Holy Spirit, by means of the Gospel ministry, missionaries and sound religious literature, is sending spiritual light and heat into almost every land and country upon this sphere.

Here "The Home and Church Tithing System" enters as a hand-maid of the Bible to distribute to the Church, and through it to the world in general, selected passages from this blessed book, to prove that it is not only God's plan that He have the use of one tenth of the products of the world to aid in establishing His kingdom for the good of man, but it is an **absolute command** that it be given, and in the event that it is not given, his people and the nations are held accountable, for He says: "Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation." Mal. 3.9.

There is **no** work for the Church so **important** as the **mission fields**—that is her **special work**. And as to foreign missions, **Jesus** is the first **foreign missionary** the world has any record of, for He left his country, his own heavenly kingdom, clothed himself in human form, suffered thirty and three years, among wicked men and tempt-

ing devils, died an ignominious death, was buried, on the third day he rose from the dead, and He ascended on high to open the gates of heaven for every human being. And He said, if any man will be my disciple, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me. The Church has a commission from Jesus, through the Apostle—"Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations." This commission is extant, and will continue so, until the Gospel shall have been preached to every creature; then, we are told the end will come.

In 1915 while pastoring a church in the City of New Bern, N. C., there was a spiritual awakening, and the Ministerial Union invited the author to read a paper on the subject of "The Evils of Our City and How Best to Deal with Them." He said "Mr. President and Brethren: the subject for discussion is so deep and multifarious in character, that I might with propriety spend the short time allotted me for this paper, in an apology for promising to write on such an intricate subject, without more time than was given for its preparation.

The evils of our city are so many and varied, that only our heavenly Father knows, and can point out how "best" to deal with them. To undertake to name them, would consume your valuable time, without corresponding good results. Suffice it to say, that the evils of our city, like the evils of all other cities exist, they are here—we daily come in contact with them, and to deal

with them logically, we must find their source, and if possible prevent them from existing; when this shall have been done, we shall have no more evils to complain of, for the lamb and the lion shall lie down together, and rise up without disturbing the peace of the other.

In the final analysis, the source of evils in our city, in common with all evils throughout the world, **is the human heart**. For we read in man's eternal and infinite guide, "But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are the things which defile a man." Matt. 15.18-20.

And again our Lord said: "For from within, out of the heart of man, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man. Mark 7.21-23." Now, if it be true that we have found the source of evil to be the heart, then the thing for us to do is to seek the **cleansing and purifying of the hearts of the people**.

As ambassadors of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, it seems incumbent upon us to urge, both by precept and example, the absolute necessity of regeneration of heart, by repentance, and faith in God through the blood, and atonement of our Lord Jesus Christ. This change of heart

will discipline the powers of the will and affections of the individual, so as to bring into subjection to the will of God all the faculties of the soul, of both the spiritual and physical man. This process, if faithfully carried out, will give to us a righteous people, healthy and strong.

We are finding fault because of the **waywardness** of our young people, which greatly multiply the evils of our city, when really they are not wholly responsible for the lives they are living. Very few, if any, have been properly trained, hence, we are having **wayward young people**, because we have **wayward old people—wayward fathers and mothers**. To get water higher than its source, there must be some way to **force it**. The only way to get children to grow up into a higher manhood and womanhood than their parents, is to lead them up through a **proper course** of training.

When the Children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the Lord He punished them by delivering them into the hand of the Philistines forty years. And at the same time arranging for their deliverance, He selected from among the Danites one Manoah and his wife, who should beget, conceive, bring forth and rear up a child to be a great leader and judge in Israel, who for strength and wisdom, should be a type of Christ, and begin to deliver his people from the hand of the Philistines. This man and his wife were doubtless selected because they were scrupulously good and obedient, willing to follow the

Lord's mandates to the letter. The child Samson was to be a Nazarite from the womb, and therefore his parents must be prepared before he is begotten or conceived. Hence the Angel said to the woman, "Now therefore **beware**, I **pray** thee, and drink **no wine nor strong drink**, and eat **not any unclean thing**." Her spiritual person was not only to be protected and preserved, but her physical person as well. She must breathe and think for a holy child of extraordinary strength of mind and body, before it could breathe or think for itself. She must eat and drink for it, therefore, she must **beware**, lest she should take **something into her own system** that would administer to the innocent unborn babe—a **poison**, and thus weaken his intellectual and physical strength.

Brethren, to our mind, the **best method** of dealing with evils, not only of our city, but everywhere throughout the world, is cited above—to **insist uncompromisingly** on the **regeneration of heart**, which will discipline the powers of the **will and affection**, so as to bring into subjection to the will of God, all the faculties of the soul, causing the individual to become a new creature in Christ Jesus our Lord. Then we shall have more fathers and mothers like Manoah and his wife, who will be scrupulously obedient, and for the sake of their unborn children, will "drink no wine nor strong drink," neither "eat any unclean thing." When we shall have through a symmetrical education moulded such characters,

the Church will not bear the name of robbing God, but will lead and train the nations of the world to honor Him, by bringing all the tithes into His storehouse, that there may be meat in His house.

CHAPTER XXIII

WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH AMERICA?

By Dr. Charles M. Shelton, Ed. *Christian Herald*

Just as we closed the last chapter in this little book on April 15, 1922, the above named paper, if not the greatest, certainly one of the greatest religious journals in the world, with over ten million subscribers, comes to our desk as it always does full of valuable information, some of which we hope to perpetuate by its addition to this little volume. Under the heading of **symmetrical education**, we have placed a bill of indictment against the Christian world, as having the **wrong system** of education. We have all been educated under it, and although a few have advanced far enough to see that the system is wrong, we cannot change it at once. But, by continual agitation, prayer and faith in God, the change will come. We claim, that the present system is **one-sided**; if the claim were not true, the great scholar, author, editor and preacher of the Gospel, Dr. Chas. M. Sheldon, could never have found material to write such an amazing document as appears in the *Christian Herald* today under the caption "What is the Matter with

America?" He says in part: "One answer to this question is, 'Nothing.' Another answer is, 'Everything.' Somewhere between these two answers there may be some sort of an answer that will fit the question. The attempt that is here being made will not satisfy the superficial optimist. Neither will it gratify the rabid pessimist. But perhaps there are enough other Americans who will agree to some of the conclusions reached in this discussion. It is not easy to diagnose the sickness of an elephant, neither is it always easy to do the same thing for a baby. And one reason for the difficulty is the inability of the elephant and the baby to tell the doctor just where the pain is. If America could only speak for herself we might be able to know just what to prescribe. In the absence of any such intelligent voice of the patient, and in the presence of a multitude of doctors who do not agree among themselves concerning what is the matter, it may not seem an act of presumption on the part of this particular practitioner who has not been called into consultation, to say what he thinks is the matter. And inasmuch as it is not good practice to talk about the disease without at least suggesting a remedy, it is to be hoped that before we are through, the remedy will cure the disease, and cost a good deal less.

Our first criticism of America is that she is not spending God's money as she ought. There is a verse in the Bible which says: "The gold is mine, and the silver is mine, saith Jehovah of

hosts.” (Haggai 2:8.) That is an economic statement which the human race has never taken seriously, not even Christian disciples. It is not a theological statement, it is economic. And if it were obeyed as an economic law, it would change the pages of history as no other one thing obeyed by mankind.

Practically this is the way America disobeys this economic law of the use of God’s wealth. According to the cold financial figures of Uncle Sam’s bookkeeper in the Internal Revenue office, America spends annually the following sums of God’s gold and silver for these items which the language of the Internal Revenue calls “luxuries” or “non-essentials:” For face powder, cosmetics and perfumes, \$750,000,000; for cigarets, cigars, tobacco and snuff, \$2,110,000,000; for jewelry, \$500,000,000; for joy rides, movies and races, \$3,000,000,000; for furs, \$350,000,000; for chewing gum, \$50,000,000; for ice-cream \$250,000,000; for luxurious service, \$3,000,000,000; and other items, making a round total of \$22,000,000,000 spent by America for what Uncle Sam himself, the financial custodian of the pocket-book of America, calls “luxuries.”

Over against this way of spending God’s money, is the item of the amount spent by America—not voluntarily, but by compulsory taxation from which the citizen cannot escape—the sum of \$1,000,000,000 for education. I failed to pass in higher mathematics when I graduated from my university, but I did get far enough to know

how to subtract \$1,000,000,000 from 22 billion,—the remainder is 21,000,000,000. And that is the difference between what America spends for “luxuries” compared with what she spends for education—and the expense for education is compulsory. It is interesting while we are going to school to note that the amount America spends annually for face powder and its accompaniments is almost as much as she spends for her entire educational system. Looks as if America thought about as much of the outside of her head as of the inside. As a matter of astounding fact, the amount actually spent by America for face paint annually exceeds all she pays for the salaries of the teachers in all the high schools who are trying to get something into the heads of pupils between times while they are applying the paint on the surface.

I do not know what the expense account of Massachusetts or New York is, but I do know that of my own state of Kansas. The least said about Kansas the better, as the boy said when his teacher in history told him to tell all he knew about Nero. That is, the least said about her when it comes to telling the teacher how she spends God’s money. For this is the way she absconds annually with Jehovah’s gold and silver, listed by Uncle Sam as “non essentials:” For cigars, cigarettes and tobacco, \$35,400,000; for theater and motion picture tickets, \$8,273,300; for jewelry, \$5,134,160; for soft drinks, ice-cream, etc., \$4,860,420. Total, \$53,667,420. This

is more than three times the amount Kansas spends for all public schools, rural and city, including high schools and state colleges. The total amount of Jehovah's gold and silver that Kansas spends on her entire education from compulsory taxation is \$17,070,394. And Kansas has always boasted of her great wealth in food production, and is listed number eight in the forty-eight states with a per capita wealth of \$2,652.

Is it any wonder after looking at the state bookkeeper's account that Kansas has fallen to number 27 in the scale of her expenditures to maintain her educational system, as shown by the Ayres investigation under the Russell Sage Foundation? And all the excuse she can give is her short terms of seven months for rural schools, cutting down salaries of teachers and general up-keep. It would be an exceedingly interesting item to guess over, if the American people had to pay for their education by voluntary giving of Jehovah's gold and silver, instead of having it extracted from their pockets by the state. Class in Arithmetic in America, stand up! If America spends **Twenty-two times** as much for "non-essentials" as she spends for **education**, and spends the **Twenty-two times** as much voluntarily for the "non-essentials" as she spends by enforced taxation for education, how much would America spend for education if it were left to her to do it voluntarily?

CHAPTER XXIV

WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH AMERICA? Continued

While the class is figuring that out, it may be in order to raise another question which seems pertinent while we are talking about the wrong way America spends Jehovah's money. How many citizens are there in this country who know intelligently how Uncle Sam spends Jehovah's gold and silver which the citizens pay into the National Treasury? Little Mary went to church with her Grandmother for the first time. Mary had been to the movies often, and had sat on the edge of the seat while the thrills turned loops up and down the ladder of her backbones. The preliminaries of the Church service were very dull and uninteresting. Finally came the morning offering. Mary put in the penny her Grandmother gave her to deposit in the plate, but as she did so she whispered to her, "Grandma, what do we get for our money?"

It is in order for the American citizen to ask Uncle Sam, who bags some of our money when there is an open income tax season, "What do we get for our money?" Did you ever get a statement from Uncle Sam, telling you how your money was being spent? When the plumber puts a washer into my kitchen pump, I always get an itemized account of the affair, including the number of washers, and so forth. But when Uncle Sam subtracts my traveling expense from

my salary, and allows me my board on the Pullman as exempt, but charges me with a personal and taxable item the minute I begin to eat in a New York hotel, and finally puts my modest little sum into the vaults or wherever they keep it in Washington, I never get any personal statement from Mr. Mellon telling me how he is going to use a part of my hard-won salary. I think I ought to know what he is doing with it, and if enough other income tax patients will join with me, I will make a trip to Washington (counting the traveling expense on the train as exempt) to ask the National Treasurer how about that \$29.41 I paid in last quarter? How much of it goes into a new battle-ship to take the place of those scrapped by the Conference on the Limitation of Armament?

It is true that now and then about once or twice a year a casual item strays into the Associated Press telling the old man—Ultimate Consumer—where his money goes. Say something like this: "The United States spent \$52,000,000,000 for war in 131 years, according to figures compiled from reports of the Secretary of the Treasury, which is 78.5 per cent. of all moneys disbursed, the total amount of all disbursements from 1789 to 1920 being \$66,728,209,499." The words "for war" are the words used by the national treasurer in summing up where the money went, including all military equipment, pensions, hospitals, salaries and wages of all army and navy men, and everything belonging to the mili-

tary expenses of America. Also now and then we get an official statement from Uncle Sam that of late years over 90 per cent of the taxpayers' money goes into the war chest. But old man Ultimate does not always read the papers, and it is safe to say that most of the time he does not know what he is getting for his money. We wonder if it would make any difference with him if he did? But some of us who have to work hard to make a decent living would like to have an itemized account of what is being done with Jehovah's gold and silver.

Over the stately front of the great **Corn Exchange** at the top of Ludgate Hill, London, close by St. Paul's Cathedral, are these words standing out in clear relief in letters of stone: "The Earth is the Lord's and the Fullness Thereof." It is another Bible statement of an economic truth, and it stands there near the great Bank of England, a compelling and challenging voice as to Jehovah's ownership of man's wealth. And yet they gamble like the devil inside the building, regardless of the claim of Jehovah on the outside. But does America do any better? And may it not be probable that the reason why some pulpits are echoing on account of empty audience rooms instead of on account of heroic utterances to challenge America for the theft of Jehovah's wealth is because there are no Haggai's in them to tell the American people, "Will ye rob God? yet ye have robbed me."

Wanted—————Rev. Mr. Haggai to fill the

pulpit and the pew of the Church. He does not need to be a D.D., just plain Haggai will do.

The next thing that is the matter with America, is its childish and impotent handling of the industrial situation. The settlement of the industrial problem is as easy as the Golden Rule. But the Golden Rule in the market place in America has been interpreted by both Capital and Labor in terms of how much gold each side can get, instead of how much each side can give. As an illustration of what is the matter with America in this part of its national life, take the condition that has existed for more than twenty-five years in my own state of Kansas. In what is known as District 14 in Southeastern Kansas there is a very rich and valuable deposit of soft coal. Into that district came about thirty years ago, men and women from Southern Europe. They did not know the American language or customs. They were muscle for money, and money seized them like so many shovels. They became 100 per cent unionized. From the first they antagonized the operators. And the operators on their side, by their own confession, did little or nothing to help make the physical or normal life of these "shovels" any better. Hundreds of strikes occurred inside the quarter of a century. Housing conditions were miserable and inexcusable. Contracts were repeatedly broken. And a spirit of suspicion and hate and distrust grew into the community. One day I went down into District No. 14 and spent several days there talking with

operators and miners. And I came away with just one opinion. The trouble was all summed up in one sentence: Absence of good will on both sides. I asked one operator who had a picture of a \$110,000 steam shovel on his office wall, bigger than any used on the Panama Canal: "Suppose that twenty-five years ago the operators and owners of these coal mines had treated these human shovels like human beings, suppose they had housed them decently, given them not only living but livable wages, had put up community houses for clean amusements and social life, had educated the children to be good Americans and had gone at the whole thing not on the basis of making money, but on the basis of getting Jehovah's coal out of the earth in a kindly and brotherly spirit—suppose all this, which is certainly within the region of practical action, do you think you would ever have had all this turmoil, and hate, and ill-will, and loss of labor and wealth that has characterized this part of Kansas for twenty-five years?" It was a straight question and the man answered it squarely. He was a member of a church and had a conscience. His answer was just one emphatic word "No!"

CHAPTER XXV

REMEDY FOR INDUSTRIAL UNREST

Our man in the last chapter summed up in that one word what is the matter with the entire industrial situation in America at this moment. If Mr. Gompers and Judge Gary would get together as representatives of labor and capital, honestly and without any threshing over of the old straw of economics, and agree to settle the whole capital and labor question on the basis of mutual good-will as Jesus taught it, and the followers of each man would agree to the same method and work out the problem on that line and keep it up, the industrial problem would be solved.

As it is, I confess for one my utter weariness when the professor in economics and social and political science rises to exploit his favorite theory of the industrial tangle. It is not an economic question; it is purely ethical. Jesus was the greatest statesman on public questions affecting the welfare of society, and the only remedy He ever announced for a suffering world was the "Golden Rule."

The industrial situation in the coal mines is similar to that everywhere else where men are in opposing and warlike camps. A publishing firm was faced with a demand, not a request, for increased wages in a certain department of the business, and here brought the workers together to discuss the matter in a spirit of friend-

liness. The company opened the books and showed how with the friendly co-operation of the men a certain period of financial stress could be met, and pleaded with them to be willing to wait for better business returns. It was found on investigation that many of the men who were demanding higher pay were being paid for forty-eight hours while they worked only thirty-six. Also it came out in the discussion that these men would not lift a finger to save the company's property if they had to handle a tool which did not belong to their craft. And at the close of the conference the men walked out, with a result that they lost their places and seriously crippled a business by which many of them had made a very good living for many years. And this was not a question of livable wages, for the men were getting what they themselves conceded was a fair and livable wage. It was on a technicality. But the hinge on which it all turned was a total absence of good-will. The Golden Rule will not work, by the way, unless both sides work it. And that is what's the matter with America.

Along with the industrial problem is the farmer's problem. For there is one section of this country that has not gone out on a strike, but it would be of general interest if it should. Up to date, farmers, ministers, and undertakers are about the only useful members of society in America who have not struck. The undertakers could well go out on the slogan "for the green graves of their sires" and the ministers could

strike for their "altars," but the farmers would have to strike for their "God and their hard tilled land." A letter from a farmer who has tilled the soil until he is tired out says: "Yesterday I skinned a calf and took the hide to the market ten miles away. The hide and fur store gave me two and one-half cents a pound for it, making 42 cents. I went across the street to get my hair cut, and had to add 8 cents to the 42 to pay the barber, and it didn't take him half as long to take my hair off as it took me to skin the calf, and I don't have much hair to start with.

When I got home I said to my wife, "Mary, what do you say to selling the old farm, buying an automobile, and moving into town where we can see the movies after we have read the Christian Herald and enjoy ourselves looking at the colored comics in the Sunday supplements that picture the rubes out on the farm? Mary threw the milk pail she was washing clear across the kitchen floor, and then she threw her arms around my neck; and if you know of a good buyer, please send him out here. Mary and I have got all we want out of the farm and the next man can have what's left." How would you answer a letter like that? God save America, if the farmers should go out on a strike. Of course they won't. But if they did, in about a month everyone would know what was the matter with America, but it wouldn't do any good, because all of us, including the undertaker and the minister, wouldn't be here to write it up. And

maybe that's what's the matter with America.

The argument produced in the above clipping is a most conclusive proof that our system of education is **wrong**. If the schools, colleges and universities all along the line from 131 years ago to the present, could have laid down in their curriculum religious text books (commencing with the Bible) one for every course of study laid down for intellectual pursuit; so that all the faculties of the soul might have been trained side by side and step by step with the training of the intellect, it is hardly probable that the reckless record of having spent of God's gold and silver **fifty-two billion dollars** in war during a period of 131 years, would be staring us in the face to-day. Neither would we have to face the shameful record of spending annually the staggering sum of twenty-two billion dollars for what the government calls "luxuries or non-essentials." One tenth of which, two billion and two hundred million really belongs to God as a tithe.

P. S. Note

The conclusion of Dr. Sheldon's discussion of "What's the Matter with America?" comes to me just too late to send it on down the line of ages in company with "The Home and Church Tithing System" to help perpetuate the ideas here advanced, and those by the Author in the above-named book under the caption of Symmetrical Education.—The Author.

APPENDIX

How can the nations of the world be trained to honor God, by believing in His Son Jesus Christ, and the gift of the Holy Ghost, with consecrated hearts and lives, **giving** what really belongs to Him, one tenth of all their income?

“For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: And if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the Gospel of God?

And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? I Pet. 4.17-18.”

If judgment must begin at us, the Lord's people, then honoring the Lord God, in obedience to His command, by believing on His Son Jesus Christ, and the gift of the Holy Ghost, with consecrated hearts and lives, giving what really belongs to Him, one tenth of all our income, **surely** ought to begin at the Sanctuary of the Lord, among His people.

That bold defender of truth, William Jennings Bryan, in his new book “In His Image,” just issued, has immortalized himself, in the philipics hurled against evolution and Darwinism. Mr. Bryan claims “that the teaching of these doctrines is rapidly undermining religion, and turning American school and college pupils to agnosticism, and that its teachings will abolish belief in the Bible, and reduce it to a scrap of paper, relegating Christ to the stature of a man

whose ancestry was not divine, but traceable along the line of evolution." I believe that this doctrine will rob the world of a Creator, Redeemer and Holy Comforter. It will be remembered that an indictment against the Christian world has been written in this text book, for having the wrong system of education, a system that has but little regard for anything save intellectual culture, leaving all the faculties of the soul dormant, and undeveloped. I believe that this one-sided system has opened the door for the infidelity arising from the study of evolution, Darwinism, or any other ism the "devil" may conjure up for the study and training of the intellect. This is the only legal system supported by the nations of the world, and endorsed by the Church, that we know of; and it has been in vogue from the earliest dawn of civilization.

I believe that the origin of this one-sided system, is the first sacrifice we made when we left heathenism. Instead of giving our hearts to God, and laying them upon the altar of repentance, and faith in God, through the promise of His Son Jesus Christ, that He would redeem and bring back to God; we simply gave **our intellects**, and laid them upon the altar of civilization; and from that day to the present, civilization has left no stone unturned, in the development of the intellect which represents the natural man. From the Bible, God's Lexicon for mankind, **spiritual scientific text books**, should have been written for heart culture, or the **training** of the **spiritual**

man; in the same manner that civilization has prepared natural science, for the training of the intellect of natural man. Both the heart and intellect should receive the same care and culture, and if there is any preference to be given the heart should receive it. For we are taught to "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. Prov. 4.23. These text books should alternate in all the schools, from the Kindergarten to the University, one lesson for the heart, and the next for the head or intellect.

Doubtless, if Prof. Huxley, Darwin, Paine, Ingersoll and the whole catalogue of sceptics and infidels who were not only deceived themselves, but were the means of deceiving millions of other souls, could have had the above outlined symmetrical system of training, the Christian world would not be in a terrific warfare today, against evolution, Darwinism and other phases of skepticism and infidelity. Unfortunately, the civilized world has been educated under the one-sided intellectual system, and the wonder is, that we have even a few educated minds, who are capable of seeing that our system is wrong, and have enough heart-culture to compel them to use both voice and pen to condemn the present popular system of educating the head and ignoring the heart, by leaving the Bible and religious text books out of the curriculum of our schools. Only the regenerating influence of the Holy Spirit, through what little training we have received

from the Bible in the home, Sunday school and Church, that gave us faith in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ; and this has saved us, from securing a ticket on some of the railroads, automobiles, and flying machines of Huxley, Darwin, Thos. Paine, Ingersoll and a host of others of their kind.

It is the object of this little text book to point out the course that will lead to the salvation, not only of the American school and college pupils, but the school and college pupils of the entire world of mankind, from the lamentable dangers pointed out by Mr. Bryan, "In His Image." It is said that "Science is knowledge; and Art is the skill in using it." "The Tithing Symmetrical Educational System" claims that the Bible should be the Lexicon, for the educators of the Christian world and from the pages of which scientific religious text books should be prepared for the training of all the faculties of the soul—Spiritual science for training the spiritual man; and natural science for training the natural man.

If the school and college pupils of the world are to be saved from the dangers of evolution, Darwinism and other phases of infidelity; then the nations of the world must be trained to honor God, by believing in His Son Jesus Christ, and the gift of the Holy Ghost, with consecrated hearts and lives, giving what really belongs to Him, one tenth of all their income. To accomplish this, let the highest authority in all religious denominations, Priests, Bishops, Elders,

Deacons, Moderators, Pastors and officials, set the example of obedience and loyalty, before the remaining portion of the laity, in consecrated lives among the people, giving one tenth of their income, advocating the same throughout the churches over which they preside, and the members and congregations will surely fall in line and march to the music.

Then let all Christian nations, Presidents, Kings, and other Rulers, with their Cabinets, Congresses, Prime-ministers and Parliaments, in obedience honor God by giving consecrated hearts and lives, and one tenth of all their own income, and let them advocate the same throughout their respective nations, as a foundation; upon which to establish a "Tithing Symmetrical Education System," as previously outlined in these pages. Then such wars as have shattered the nations and staggered the world will cease; unrest, strikes, race prejudice, lynchings and the like evils will no more disgrace the fair name of Christian civilization; the Fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man will be acknowledged everywhere, and the heathen world will say, "see how those Christians love;" hence they will become civilized, educated, evangelized and Christianized, for God hath promised them to us for our inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for our possession. And men will be saying everywhere, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the

head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded a blessing, even life forevermore. 133rd Psalm."

SYMMETRICAL EDUCATIONAL FEDERATION TO BE CALLED

Let any one of the leading Christian denominations call a federation of believers, representing every persuasion of Christianity, to consider the vital necessity of a standard SYMMETRICAL EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM for training the human family, so that all the faculties of the "living soul" shall receive the same educational care and training. That the curriculum of all schools controlled by believers in Christianity, be so arranged, from the Kindergarten to the University, (commencing with the Bible, and followed by other religious text-books, prepared from the study of nature founded upon the Word of God, revealed to us in the Bible) that the studies in each class alternate as follows: One lesson for the heart, and the next for the head or one for the soul and the next for the intellect.

Man, a compound being, should be symmetrically educated. For the Apostle says: "It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body." Cor. 15:44. The head or intellect represents the natural body; while the heart or soul represents the spiritual body. It takes both of these bodies to represent man.

In Philosophy: The scholastics or scholars, following Aristotle, claim the word, "soul" means the primary principle of life; and that a plant is endowed with a vegetable soul, that brutes and man have in addition a sensitive soul, while man alone has a rational and immaterial soul. If this be true, it is evident, that the Creator lifts or elevates the animal kingdom a step higher than the vegetable, by distributing ingredients of sensation, (whatever that is), in the animal blood, or soul, which is the primary principle of life.

The same line of reasoning brings us to the conclusion that the human soul is a distinctly elevated and exalted act of God's creation, by containing the ingredients of rationality and immateriality; hence the necessity of having a system of education that will equally develop all the faculties of the "living soul." Which one of the great religious families composed of believers of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be the first to make the call?

TESTIMONIALS
THE CHRISTIAN HERALD BIBLE HOUSE

New York City, June 23, 1922.

Dear Mr. Gaskill: Your favors of May 29th addressed to Mr. Patterson and Dr. Sheldon have been referred to this department for consideration and reply. It is not customary to review a work from the manuscript before it is published. We therefore have had your manuscript read so as to offer you whatever advice we can.

Our Editor states that yours is the best work on tithing that he has ever seen and he has had considerable experience. ***** He thinks that your entire manuscript should be gone over for little errors. There is no criticism of your construction, but there are typographical errors in your manuscript that should be corrected and the work sent out, without errors, to all publishers of such a book for its first approval.

Our Editor who has read the manuscript has none but praise for it, outside of technical errors. ***** You can see clearly, there is no use in reviewing your book in the Christian Herald as it is not ready for sale; there would be too much correspondence involved in questions, by people, why they could not get the book. When it is published, we shall be glad to review it.

There is no objection to referring to Dr. Sandison's opinion of your work as the best that has come before his attention on tithing.

Yours very truly,
THE CHRISTIAN HERALD.

Book Department.

The purpose of these lines is to state that I have read, with some degree of care, a book by Rev. James T. Gaskill, Kinston, N. C., entitled "The Home and Church Tithing." It is a stimulating and helpful study of this very important subject, and, to those who will practice this method of Christian stewardship, it will be found valuable from the standpoint both of economics and religion.

C. L. READ,
Pastor Queen St. M. E. Church, South.

Kinston, N. C., June 2, 1922.

"The Home and Church Tithing," by Rev. James T. Gaskill, is of great value in teaching Christian stewardship and a much needed system of education. The book is carefully prepared and the thoughts clearly presented. The most critical mind may study the book with profit. With its standards adopted by the masses our industrial and religious life would be transformed for real consecrated service.

H. N. McDIARMID,
Pastor First Presbyterian Church.

Kinston, N. C., June 5, 1922.

The Rev. James T. Gaskill:

I have read your little book on "The Home and Church Tithing" with great interest and am struck with the sincerity and earnestness that speak from its pages.

It is certainly true that one of the great needs of the day, is for truly "symmetrical education."

FRANCIS J. H. COFFIN,
Rector St. Mary's P. E. Church.

Rev. James T. Gaskill,
Kinston, N. C.

My dear Sir and Brother:

I have read your book, "The Home and Church Tithing," with interest. I agree with you that the real and crying necessity is for a more symmetrical education of the people.

I hope this book will find a ready acceptance by all and that it will do much good in instructing them in the "Things of righteousness."

Yours sincerely,

LEE McB. WHITE,
Pastor First Baptist Church.

"The Home and Church Tithing," by the Rev. James T. Gaskill, is a treatise presenting a most important Christian subject in an easy, persuasive flow of simple language that may be read and understood by any one. His interplacements of facts, quotations and reasoning present a pleasant ground upon which one delights to linger after entry, emerging, possibly, with a stronger conviction than he had before. If the clergy and ministers would take hold of the book and see to its general distribution among the people of all intelligences, I think a wonderful change would result in the financial system of all denominations.

JAMES E. HOLDER,
P. E. Clergyman, Kinston, N. C.

June 17, 1922.

I have carefully gone through the manuscript of the Rev. James T. Gaskill, "The Home and Church Tithing" system.

It is a wonderful production. If it can be put in the schools and adopted as a text-book in the course of religious education, it will give us a different type of Christians for our next generation; one which will honor God, and help Jesus Christ save the world, through its financial contribution to Christianity, and its loyalty to Jesus Christ.

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